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Dear Mr. Danner:

Re: Case # TR-090121

Closing of Crossing at Logen Road

While I understand the motivation behind closing Logen Road railroad crossing, I think there are other alternatives that would promote public safety.

The negative aspect of closure is this: it will put additional agricultural traffic on other public roads, putting both the public and agricultural workers at greater risk.

Regulations and customs could be changed to enable people to cross at Logen Road at those times when trains are NOT parked on the siding track. There are other options. I could visualize this type of signage: BEWARE: THERE WILL BE TIMES WHEN CLOSURE OF THIS CROSSING WILL BE EXTENSIVE. FIND OTHER ROUTES WHEN THE CROSSING IS OCCUPIED BY TRAIN TRAFFIC.

To completely close access at that place and point does not make complete sense to me, observing the reality that there are other places that are open for crossing of farm workers, both south and north of that specific crossing. In some cases, those crossing do not even have warning lights and they appear to work for those who depend upon those crossing for access to their farmlands.

I am among those who will have to find other routes to access agricultural land I am using. While I personally do not have big equipment, others do. Forcing them to go on other routes will equal or exceed the danger posed by any access at the Logen crossing area.

Thank you for your consideration,

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John J. Shaffer