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Carole Washburn
Executive Secretary
WA Utilities & Transportation
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Dear Ms. Washburn,

I write this letter to **STRONGLY PROTEST** the closing of the Hickox Road Railroad crossing, TR070696.

This closing would endanger the life and property of roughly half the population in Fire District 3. The Hickox Road is the main road for fire and aid units to access our homes and farms. Not only is this a Fire District 3 safety issue, it is also a Dike District 3 issue as far as it would be one of the few escape routes away from the oncoming flood waters.

As you can see, closing this crossing will jeopardize the health, safety and property of the residents served by Fire District 3 and Dike District 3.

Respectfully,



John J. De Vlieger

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Cc: Senator Mary Margaret Haugen, District 10
Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County Commissioner, District 2