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Gentlemen,

Because of the condition of my wife I was not able to make the 2 meetings held here at the Mt Vernon Police Court Campus

This is also one of the reasons that I am strongly opposed to closing the Hickop Road exit.

If the Railroad closes this road it will take an additional 10 minutes minimum to get aid or fire service to the residents of the property on the river side of the railroad tracks. There are several people that need medical assistance as soon as they can get it. Our houses have been set up for handicapped or emergency services so we can quickly get help from Fire or
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Aid services I have built a ramp and stairs to assist my wife to get around as well as the aid people to access my home with a gurney or whatever material we need. I have an alarm (similar to life alert) to get help if I am not here. I am also hooked up to an emergency fire alarm in this same system.

This system has cost me a lot of money, but has given me peace of mind to know she is protected when I am away. This would all be lost if I have to move because of the closure.

I can also see where this would be a hardship on the farmers in this area because of the distance to deliver their produce, milk and crops.

Please consider the impact on the working families in this area. Most of the people who live here are retired, disabled, or

out of work and the impact on us would be very great. If this closure goes through I believe I will have to move to get proper service for my wife & myself.

Please don't let this happen most of us are just trying to lineout our last few years in the homes we have and not be disrupted from our daily routine.

I think of the little people not the big businesses.

Sincerely

Robert Kager

There are other places to build spur lines besides this small community.