



Kim; My name is Lori Olson and I am inquiring about the session that you are planning to hold in regards to the safety of the railroad. I have some grave concerns about the railroads practices. I grew up beside a track and have seen countless fires started by trains. Last year a maintenance crew was out by my parents house doing welding and grinding in 100 plus heat and high winds. The result was a fire that consumed 20,000 acres, destroyed machinery, killed wildlife and livestock, threatened many homes and lives and killed my father. The fire was caused by carelessness of the workers. The crew also had the crossings blocked so that fire trucks could not get across to fight the fire. They refused to cooperate with the fire fighters until they heard from their boss to open the crossings. That decision caused great delay in getting to the fire. I do not know if any of these issues could be addressed at the workshop on September 28. Even if you can't include the above problems, I would like to be present to see how to go about making changes with the railroad and their safety procedures. Please let me know if this is possible and I will make every effort to attend the meeting. I vowed to my Dad's grave that I would fight to make this company more responsible and careful. I appreciate your time and am looking forward to hearing from you. Sincerely; Lori Olson 1102 S. Division Ritzville, WA 99169



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