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Dear Mr. Marx,

I am writing to express my concern regarding the permit approval process for the BNSF intermodal facility to be located near Gardner, KS. I was particularly surprised to learn that the permit in question was recommended for approval based solely on an EA rather than a full EIS.

In my opinion, not only does a project of this scale need to be reviewed more thoroughly for air and water quality concerns, but even for softer "quality of life" concerns for the local citizens. I can't imagine a finding of no significant impact when you consider that the facility, along with the adjacent logistics park will bring over 600 acres of concrete and an incredible amount of ambient light and noise within a few miles of a quiet bedroom community, not to mention within a mile of some local schools. Even the increased and adjusted traffic flow in an around the facility will have a profound impact on the quality of life and the property values of every citizen living in and around that facility. I was also particularly concerned that it seemed that short shrift was given to the EPAs assessment of air quality issues in the EA that was issued.

As a business planner for a large global company, I know that I would not be able to move forward with a project of this size and scope using just an executive summary (EA) rather than a full cost-benefit analysis (EIS.) I implore you to more fully investigate the impact of this facility on the city and the region.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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