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Subject: Intermodal facility
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Hello Mr. Marx,

I am writing to express my concern about the impact of the intermodal facility proposed near Gardner on the people and environment of southern Johnson County .

With all we know today about the harmful toxins that contaminate our air and water from normal commuter traffic alone, it requires a blatant disregard of all life forms not to properly and exhaustively examine the short and long term impact a site of this size would have on the area. I understand the need for such places and am not questioning whether or not it should be built, however I am questioning the thinking behind allowing those who stand to gain the most from its construction to provide their own environmental impact studies without requiring a full vetting of the information provided. The USACE needs to require a full environmental impact study with third-party oversight to insure all operations at the facility will be in accordance with all federally mandated emissions and runoff standards. Anything less is an insult to people of this area and puts their health at risk unnecessarily.

The small acreage I have called home for over 20 years is within the 3 mile radius of the proposed site. I love the area but for the first time since arriving I have real doubt about how much longer I will call it home. Please do not allow BNSF to circumvent the rules, make them prove their environmental impact won't destroy the areas quality of life.

Thank you,
Eric A. Carlson