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Dear Mr. Ray,

I am writing to urge the Indiana Railroad Company to establish a pedestrian crossing for the Tecumseh Hiking Trail at Indian Hill Road (IHR) in Brown County. The closing of this rail crossing impacts many hikers along the Trail.

Without a pedestrian crossing, the only way to get across the railroad is to take a five to six mile walking detour. The Tecumseh Hiking Trail adjoins the Knobstone Hiking Trail in the Hoosier National Forest and connects with a number of other trails to form a trail system spanning over hundreds miles for many nature loving Hoosiers to enjoy. Without a crossing, it is a dangerous intersection.

I have no doubt that a pedestrian crossing should be established in a safe manner at this location just as pedestrian rail crossings have been established elsewhere. There are many trail lovers in and around my district who support a pedestrian crossing so that other Hoosiers can continue to safely enjoy the activities they love. I hope this letter can prompt the Indiana Railroad Company to work with all interested stakeholders to once again allow continuous hiking along this portion of the trail that is loved by so many.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions or concerns. You can reach me at H65@iga.in.gov for 317-232-9981.

Sincerely,

Chris D. May
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