

I am writing today as a mother of four children and as a farmwife. My children and other neighbors often play outside. We all use these gravel roads for various purposes. We use our gravel roads to drive, bike and run to my in-laws house which is less than 2 miles away for family farm operation purposes. We tell our children to be cautious and to obey road rules at all times.

I have major concerns with this proposal due to various reasons. I am going to mention those reasons below.

-My first and foremost concern is the safety for my children, my husband, myself, and that of surrounding neighbors. We have blind spots on our gravel roads and driveways. One of the proposed turns on the highway is a blind spot for travelers coming from the north and the south...when these trucks slow down and turn, they need both lanes. Who is going to be held liable if someone is killed or someone is badly hurt? What if property is destroyed?

-My second concern is how the roads will be destroyed from so much weight and speed. Who will maintain these roads? Who will pay for the maintenance of these roads?

-My third concern is that of dust. Many companies that use gravel roads for their business use dust controller for anyone near their business or anyone who may be involved. Who will pay for this dust control at all farms/acreages where these trucks go by? Who will pay for the vet bills or deaths when livestock get respiratory issues? Who is going to maintain our clean farm equipment and vehicles that drive through the controlled substance? What about the excessive dust on everyone's crops?

Our farms and acreages were here first....not this proposal. We live on these farms for our livelihood and for our family farms to flourish. We don't want these above concerns to come true, nor do we want it to come true for our neighbors.

I ask that you not allow this proposal to occur unless the owner builds his own road across his own land to the highway nearest the pit for gravel transport and truck usage. They should not use the township or gravel roads in any way. If this proposal is approved, a contract needs to be signed for this to remain and hold true throughout the duration of the gravel pit. No verbal agreements....signed contracts only that cannot be broken or altered in any way.

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