To the Editor:

It happens every 3 hours in the United States: a person or vehicle is struck by a train. When this tragedy occurs, lives are changed forever: for the people involved in the crash, their family, friends and community, and the train crew members. In (insert State), (insert striking rail safety fact).

To raise awareness of the dangers of being on or around railroad tracks, the first [U.S. Rail Safety Week](https://oli.org/about-us/news/rail-safety-week-2017) is happening this year on September 24-30. This event is being spearheaded by [Operation Lifesaver, Inc](http://www.oli.org). in partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation and other safety organizations. Here in (insert state), the event is supported by (insert State sponsors).

[Activities are being planned](https://oli.org/about-us/news/event-materials) each day during the week to share lifesaving messages throughout our communities, including "Operation Clear Track" on Tuesday, September 26, a three-hour exercise to raise awareness and enforce the railroad grade crossing and trespassing laws.

Won’t you join us in our goal to make caution around railroad tracks as automatic for drivers and pedestrians as buckling a seatbelt?

Sincerely,

Name, Title, State