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I am against GLBT being given a permit to build. There are numerous environmental and economic impacts that have not been fully evaluated easily outweigh the transportation benefits. Specifically, in my area the railway will have a negative impact on a number of wetlands and therefore the migratory birds and other wildlife. In terms of economy, the railway will have significant impact on a number of family farms, many over 100 years old. The livelihood of these families and the history of their farms should not be destroyed in an attempt to resolve a transportation problem which other entities are already working on. Mr. Patton's plans continue to change and morph, making it impossible for those impacted to plan or discern what the result will be. It is one thing for those of us who live in the path of the GLBT to have purchased and built our homes near existing rail lines, but to have a new rail line introduced with no real reason and to use eminent domain to take others' land is truly unfortunate. Please do not approve the GLBT application to build.