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VERIFIED STATEMENT

My Name is Norman C. Orfall. I am submitting this statement because I believe strongly in the need for and the economic logic of constructing the Great Lakes Basin Railway project.

I have 57 years experience in the rail industry. I have been employed as a trainman, engineer, management trainee, operations manager, and researcher for larger railroads. While so employed, I became painfully aware of the urgent need for new capital investment in fixed plant if the rail industry is to survive. The present railroad physical plant is just not capable of being competitive.

Since leaving employment with the large railroads, I have been affiliated with four short-line railroads companies, assisting them in the purchase, rehabilitation, and return to profitability of under utilized rail lines and equipment.

All of my experience has convinced me of the urgent need for new capital and ideas in my industry. For that reason, I support GLBR in their efforts. This new railroad will address a desperate need in the center of the American rail network.

I have prepared this statement on April 24, 2017, and it accurately reflects my opinions in this matter.

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