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The Honorable Robin L. Kelly
United States House of Representatives
1239 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kelly:

Thank you for your letter dated March 31, 2017, regarding Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.—Authority to Construct and Operate a Rail Line in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, FD 35952. I appreciate knowing your concerns about the project.

At present, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. (GLBT) has not submitted a formal filing seeking Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) authority for its project. However, in accordance with STB regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Board's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA) initiated environmental review of the project in anticipation of GLBT's filing. On December 1, 2016, GLBT requested that OEA suspend its review so that GLBT could finish preparing its application to the Board. OEA granted GLBT's request, but requested an update from the applicant by February 28, 2017. In its update, GLBT requested continuance of the suspension through April 30, 2017. OEA granted the request and advised GLBT that if it does not file an application by May 1, 2017, OEA would cease environmental review and take down the project website (www.greatlakesbasinraileis.com).

Again, thank you for informing the Board of your views. A copy of your letter will be placed in the docket and environmental record for this matter. If you have any additional questions, please have your staff contact Ms. Lucille Marvin, Director of the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at (202) 245-0238.

Sincerely,

Ann Begeman
Acting Chairman