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If Frank Patton and his investors were to ask the STB or any other government agency for permission to take citizens' land to build a factory for their personal profit, they would be laughed out of the office. Yet, that is precisely what they are doing with the GLB Railroad.

You have already learned of the adverse effects the hundreds of us would face if this project is allowed. According to the map we have seen, our home and property would be trapped between U.S. Rt. 39 and the tracks, which would also pass over an underground BP petroleum pipeline near us. Our property would be worthless and frequently inaccessible to emergency services.

The Great Lakes Basin Railroad is not needed. Not a single railroad has publicly stated that it will use the proposed toll tracks. Union Pacific and Norfolk Southern Railway have publicly stated that they are not interested, and CREATE, a \$4.4 billion project is already improving the efficiency of rail traffic through Chicago.

Along with thousands of other Americans, we request that you declare a "No Build" for the Great Lakes Basin Railroad.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Judith Connolly