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TO: Surface Transportation Board
RE: GLBT Application
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Dear Madam/Sir,

Our family owns property on and around 8323 W State Rd 2, LaPorte, IN. This Farm has been in the Hannon Family for over 100 years and is a multi generation operated farm.

I write this letter to Appose the GLBT Application, for a rail line through our Neighborhoods and our Family Property and Family Agricultural Business. The GLBT tactic to add a proposed Toll Road bypass amounts to nothing more, in my opinion, to a "bait and switch" tactic, and is an assault and insult on the people in the Three states that this proposal effects.

I ASK THAT THE APPLICATION BE DENIED.

There are abandoned rail lines all over our country, from people that have made just such a proposal to add rail lines, that are not needed, that are underfunded, and end up in bankruptcy, and 1000's of acres of productive farm land, is still out of production to this day. All this, in the name of the "Public Good", when in reality it is intended to create wealth for the few, at the expense of many. Protect the American People's rights to own and work and enjoy their property and operate our family Business's.

None of the Railroads have expressed an interest in using this proposed rail line, and some have come out and said in writing that they are not interested. The final leg of the rail line In Indiana, is proposed to connect with the Norfolk Southern Rail Line, that has written to the STB on more than one occasion that they are not interested in using the line. Without plan or need to use the line, The STB would be negligent in their duties to the American People to Approve such a plan.

There is also the major risk of the Health and Safety to our communities; with the transportation of hazardous materials, the risk for our communities with additional rail road crossings, the increased farm machinery traffic created by farms

being cut off to the current access to land that is part of the Agricultural business, the inability of the communities to timely get emergency personnel to the people in need, the lack of resources to deal with hazardous spills and explosions and fires that have occurred and will continue to occur with rail transportation.

The Negatives of this proposal, GROSSLY overshadow any dream, of intended advantage, to our Region and Country. As the world population grows, food and water will be the precious resources that sustain our world and feed our people. Protect Productive farm land and Agri-Business, as Farm Ground is God's precious gift to the world and can't be replaced.

Again, SAY NO TO THE GLGT APPLICATION, and let us get back to the right to Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness, as was so eloquently stated in the Declaration of Independence.

Respectfully
Mark A Hannon