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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket #FD-35952
Re: Protective Order

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Dear Board Members:

My ancestors (including my mother) lived in Emerald Grove and are buried in the Emerald Grove Cemetery located in unincorporated Emerald Grove, Wisconsin. This small community also has a church (that I attend), the cemetery, an antique store, a golf course and a repair shop. The proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation (GLBT) rail comes up along the west side of Emerald Grove then swings east and travels along the north side of it.

The proposed rail will directly affect the surrounding farms it will cut through. It will affect each of the Emerald Grove businesses, every family with someone buried at the cemetery, each member of the church, and every home.

Now GLBT is using a Protective Order to say affected citizens do not have a right to know who the stockholders are in GLBT. My neighbors and friends who may lose their land or their businesses should know who could use eminent domain to take it.

There are many questions. Why do the stockholders want to stay hidden? Do they have foreign connections? Do they have any railroad background? Do they have any railroad affiliations? What else is being hidden, and why?

GLBT's private investors are planning to profit at the landowners' and all affected citizens' expense. None of the landowners or affected citizens are being allowed to know who these investors are. This is wrong!

You, the STB, should be obligated to keep this process open, transparent, and ethical. Please **deny** this Protective Order. The names of those who seek to profit in this situation must be made public knowledge to all landowners and affected citizens.

Sincerely,
Barbara Broege Andrew