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I would like to voice my strong opposition to the GLB railroad. This railroad would greatly negatively affect my entire community via, in the present, tearing through and ruining many people's property and farms, which are their livelihoods, and in the future, with huge amounts of noise pollution, ecological damage, damage to property values, etc. This high speed rail will pose a great safety risk to many facets of my community, from individual citizens to the EMTs and firefighters that will need to cross these tracks. And certainly, no railroad needs a 15,000 acre yard: an extreme waste of good farm land. This railroad also affects me personally. Not only will it negatively affect my family's home in Bourbonnais (not to mention all of my friends and family who live all over Kankakee County), the proposed railroad will directly cut through my family's homestead farm, that has been in our family for 170 years and 6 generations of Hawkers. It would most definitely ruin this beautiful piece of land that generations of my family put their heart and soul into. This brings me to my next point of opposition. This would purely and simply be an egregious abuse of eminent domain. No private entity should have any right to eminent domain. A few investors will make millions, even billions, while the people in my community will walk away with broken hearts and hardly enough money to cover the true value of their property. This railroad must be stopped.