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GLBT Application

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I am not a lawyer, but I do know the Great Lakes Basin application does not adequately address the public need for this route. I can list hundreds of reasons why it is bad for the public, but I will give you ten personal ones.

1. this line will mean the ambulance that I would call for help may be delayed as it must wait to cross the track.
2. my self and my husband will have to cross this line daily to conduct our normal activities, this increases the chance we will be hit by a train and we will certainly be delayed daily waiting for the trains to pass
3. I will loose income as this route will split two of my families fields. This route will make them much less cost effective and will take acreage.
4. My home and my neighbors' homes for miles around will be subject to the constant rumble f the trains day and night.
5. My grandchildren and all the area youth will be subjected to more rail crossings when traveling to and from school. I also worry about the accidents from curious children exploring the unprotected line.
6. This line will affect drainage for my home and farm and my neighbor's homes and farms, this line will cause field tiles to break as they are not designed to have trains running on top of them, the tracks will also act as a barrier to water flow in areas drainage tiles do not exist in.
7. My community will be cut in half by this line, this will eventually lead to disharmony as people will avoid crossing the tracks due to the inevitable delays. Businesses will suffer as they will be on the "wrong" side of the tracks and the locals will eventually split along which side of the tracks they live on.
8. There will be increased pollution from the line, from train exhaust, to weeds along the tracks, to garbage along the track, to chemicals leaking from rail cars (or worse derailments), pollution form vehicles idling to cross the tracks will increase, noise pollution and light pollution will increase, the list goes on and on.
9. The route will mar the beauty of the surrounding landscape, especially when it slices across rivers and through woodlands, not to mention the environmental harm it will due
10. This route will take PRIME Farmland out of production forever, we need our farms, they feed the world. This ability to produce the food the world consumes keeps our nation safe and our citizens content, we can not continue to et our farms be destroyed.

I could write on this all night, but the bottom line is this route will do more harm to the public than good. I believe even GLBT knows this, why else is their section on public necessity so short and uninformative?