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GLBT Application

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I am opposed to the GLBT project. The project has not been properly vetted. The project has not been identified as a national transportation priority. As a resident of Rock County, WI, I see no urgent need for this project as there are no backlogs of trains here waiting to get through Chicago. Rock County WI, and the surrounding area has only minor rail business, showing no need for this massive project. The proposed line will cut up and destroy much valued farm land and impact center pivot irrigation. It will cause farmers to travel greater distances to access their fields on small rural roads, a safety issue. This rail project will have disastrous effects on rural emergency services that already have too long of response times, impacting the safety of all residents. Current class 1 railroads are developing their own plan to get through Chicago, let them proceed with their common sense plan. The GLBT is using an antiquated law to obtain private property for an independent business venture, please do not allow this to happen. I re-affirm my opposition to this project and ask that the STB reject the GLBT application.