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If a project has a positive financial affect for the public, one could say the project serves the public need. The Great Lakes Basin project is not such a project this project will take several acres of Prime Farmland from my family, this will cost us over \$4000 a year in lost income, this is unacceptable. The line will also cost us more money as fields will be split and field work will take longer and we will need more fuel to travel from on part of the split field to another part of the field, we will also sit idle waiting for the trains to pass. This same situation will be seen at thousands of other farms along the route of destruction. The ripple affects will be longer commute time and more gas spent for everyday citizens to go about their daily activities, especially those living on roads that will be dead-ended. Tax dollars will be reduced as land is out of production, causing schools, fire departments and townships to have less revenue. This will lead to tax increases to maintain vital public services, this project will cost every citizen higher taxes. Not to mention the loss of life that will occur from the train accidents that are sure to occur as new crossings are added. The only financial benefit of this project is for the GLBT shareholders, who are afraid to come forward, the PUBLIC faces lost income, lost tax dollars, longer commute times and loss of life due to rail vs. vehicle accidents. There is no public good from this project from a financial standpoint.