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The McLevige Family
6251 Anna Lane
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Dear Surface Transportation Board Members,

We are gravely concerned with the plans to build a Great Lakes Basin railroad line through our area. As you can see in the proposed route map obtained from greatlakesbasin.net on Oct. 14, this proposal cuts across the two direct access roads our little country subdivision has to Rockton. We have a Rockton address and all services come from there except for a small school. The town of Shirland is a town in spirit only. There is no grocery store, gas station, or emergency services. We will be on the wrong side of the tracks from these essential services. At this time, it's unclear whether our direct access road to Rockton will be severed or whether it will require significant waits for the projected 110 trains a day to pass about 0.4 of a mile from us. Either way, this will severely impact our daily lives, and our property value. We love our quiet country subdivision and do not want to see that destroyed by this project. Please do what's in your power to ensure that this project is stopped, or at least truly in the best interests of the people of Illinois and not just in the best interests of a private company and its backers.



Sincerely,

Leonard McLevige (and CaroleAnn and Evelynnn)