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According to "The Telegraph," (<http://thetelegraph.com/news/101960/top-bnsf-executive-highlights-region-at-freight-conference>) at the recent freight conference in St. Louis, "BNSF Railway Executive Chairman Matthew Rose expounded the advantages of the greater St. Louis market Wednesday as the keynote speaker at the St. Louis Regional Freightway's second annual summit, which focused largely on railroad issues. Burlington Northern Santa Fe Corp. is the parent company of the BNSF Railway (formerly the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway). The railroad is now wholly owned by Berkshire Hathaway, which is controlled by investor Warren Buffett." In his address he expounded on the need to expand freight in St. Louis, this is a logical and prudent solution to the freight issues the Chicagoland area faces. An expansion of capacity would result in a natural freight bypass of the Chicagoland area, if one is truly needed. St. Louis is already home to 6 Class One railroads, and is situated on the mighty Mississippi River an advantage Chicago does not have. St. Louis also has a superior location located in the center of the nation, unlike the far northern and blocked by the lake on one side Chicago. The GLBT project seeks to further crowd the Chicago area, while BNSF, which is as we all know an existing profitable and trustworthy company with a proven track record and an owner beyond reproach, seeks to truly serve the nation and expand freight capacity in an area that can support more traffic and is located conveniently in the heart of the nation. the GLBT project is not a freight bypass, no trains are lead out of the region, instead they just move existing trains to a new track, BNSF is seeking to truly keep trains from coming further north than St. Louis, a real bypass. BNSF alone has proven that the GLBT project has no public necessity, for that reason I am asking you to deny their application.

I am also asking that the confidentiality request by GLBT be denied, Berkshire Hathaway does not hide it's top investors, so why should GLBT be allowed to hide theirs?