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GLBT Application

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I am writing to ask the STB to rule against the GLB application to build a private rail line cutting through Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana. This monstrosity would completely cut off my home town from emergency access to Rockford. As an elderly person I am very concerned about the loss of easy access to first responders. All of the hospitals for people in Winnebago County are located in Rockford and this train line would cut quick access to these locations! Thousands and thousands of people would be impacted by this loss of rapid service. Looking at the proposed line, I am also very concerned about my grandchildren and their ability to get to school safely due to multiple rail crossings. My understanding is that instead of putting up bridges this project would attempt to close roads or place crossings making these areas incredibly dangerous and nearly impossible to cross due to the sheer number of daily trains. The traffic and danger created by this project far far outweighs any potential tax benefit to the communities ripped apart by the rail line! Why should so many people be expected to deal with this rail line when only a few people benefit? Frank Patton needs to be told to go find another hobby by the STB! He benefits while everyone else in these areas suffer. A private company using eminent domain for a personal gain is preposterous! Put the money toward the CREATE program that is already investing to solve train traffic in Chicago. Shut the GLB rail project down. It is unnecessary and will devastate every community near this line!