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I'm writing to beg that the STB makes a "no build" decision on the proposed GLBT project. The applicant has in no way proven the financial ability to build and operate the GLB railroad. For unknown and obviously shady reasons, Frank Patton refuses to identify his investors. Why??? Are there any? Hmm.... The applicant has not proven there is a public demand or need. Their claim is this railroad will allow for faster transport time through a bypass route around Chicago. The "Create" project is handling this problem, proving that GLBT is NOT needed. Public demand says "Do not destroy our homes, farms, transportation to schools and medical institutions. Do not threaten our water supply. Do not cause harm to threatened and endangered species." Investigation must be made into the fact that this railroad will run through or very near to protected wetlands. Public demand says "NO GLBT!"

The applicant has not proven that the proposed project helps reduce congestion and does no harm to existing services. Farms will be destroyed, raising prices of already overpriced goods. Children will be forced to endure longer bus rides to school. State law requires children spend no more than one hour on a bus each way. Some students are even now spending an hour on the bus. How will the closures of many roads impact this? Not in a good way, that's for sure. Will any railroads use this line? To date, none of the six major railroads have spoken out in favor of this project and two have publicly stated that they will NOT use this rail.

This is a "for profit" rail that will only benefit the so called investors and Frank Patton. It will not improve the economy. In fact, it's potential for disaster would negatively impact not only the economy, but more importantly the land we live on, our water supply, area wildlife and our families.

For all of these reasons and more, you must make a "no build" decision on the GLBT application.