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The proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad is a project that will destroy the livelihoods and peace and tranquility of hundreds of thousands. The rich black farmland in our area is a natural resource that cannot be replaced. It is irresponsible to bisect it, compact it with construction and render many acres inaccessible for production purposes. Please give special attention to the point that the GLBT is proposing to try and cross the High speed Amtrak rails, historic old Route 66 AND Interstate 55 in southeast Grundy County. Completely irresponsible when considering the safety of all below such tracks and the destruction of prime farmland in the process of building such an extensive crossing with the 1% grade.

Also, I have to wonder about the parked freight cars in LaSalle county, sitting parallel to State Route 23, month after month. Year after year-- sitting between farm fields... is this a possible future for this when they get their product out of Canada and have less need?

Please stop this destructive proposal.