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To the Surface Transportation Board

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This letter is to request the denial of the Motion for Protection Order for Great Lakes Basin Transportation to be able to withhold the names of investors and finances for the proposed Rail Project. All landowners either directly or indirectly affected by the acquisition of thousands of acres of private property through the use of eminent domain for private profit, have the right to know who is seeking to take the land, livelihood, and way of life from them.

Since there has been no proven need for this project, with the likelihood that such a project would fail to be profitable, it is unconscionable for this project to be approved, especially with the landscape, businesses, and lives that would be forever destroyed. Plenty of manmade projects lay abandoned or unused across the countryside that will remain there for always.

Landowners have the right to beforehand who's investing in taking their land away and for who's profit, foreign or domestic.

Sincerely,

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