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To Whom It May Concern,

I oppose the GLBT's proposed railroad project because, it will run just a few hundred feet from rural family home of over 23 years. My home will be worth nothing and the quality of our quiet life will be destroyed. We have worked long and hard to pay off our home. **We lose because GLBT wishes to prosper.** We cannot make home improvements or put our house up for sale because we are held "hostage" by all of this.

We have a state highway in front our home and powerlines on the west edge of our property, now add a railway a few hundred feet from the east that would be running trains all day at 60-70 plus miles per hour, would make our home worthless. The only thing that is lacking would be an airstrip at the back of our property. Would that be on Mr. Patton's agenda soon?

Further opposition is the destruction of wetlands and farmland and the displacement of the wildlife that live on these lands. Why do so many have to suffer? Chicago's problem should not be our problem!

There should be no secrecy on GLBT's part. All, including their investors must and should be transparent for all to see.

I cannot express strongly enough, the angst this has caused for my husband and myself.

Why cannot GLBT use existing railway's that currently exist in most of the communities that would be affected? There are railway's that run through Rockford, IL, South Beloit, IL, Beloit, WI, Janesville, WI and Milton, WI. These railways only run trains a couple of times each day.

Let's use what we have rather than destroy more precious land and the quality of life for all.

Sincerely,

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