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Attn: Docket No. FD 359252

395 E Street SW

Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. FD35952 Great Lake Basin Transportation, Inc.

Dear Office of the Surface Transportation Board,

As a land owner whose land is currently impacted by the proposed rail route of Great Lakes Basin Transportation (GLBT), I would like to comment on the issue regarding the request for non disclosure of principles of GLBT. I strongly urge you to deny this request and these are my reasons why

1. GLBT is seeking to obtain lands for which they have shown no ability to purchase, or for the project to proceed. As a for profit entity they should be held to the highest standards of financial practices. List of stake holders, balance sheets, statements of position, projected P&L's etc. Where and how is the project to be financed, etc. All of which are either incredibly vague or in this case asking to be excused from providing information.
2. As someone who's land is in question, we have already seen the lowering of land values and the effects of this proposal has on our day to day productivity, ability to borrow or to make informed decision. Since this is the arena in which we find ourselves, we ask that at least we be given the identities of those involved. If they are unwilling to be transparent, then they should not be given the right to proceed. Given the fact that this proposal impacts tens of thousands of acres of America's heartland and countless lives, I feel it is your duty and responsibility to divulge who GLBT really is.
3. So much of the GLBT application is vague or over simplified. To the extent that GLBT is unwilling to divulge much of the information regarding the project or it is changing dramatically i.e. budget drastically reduced, scope of project changes to include both as toll road and an airport. To also ask that they hide behind a order of protection is an affront to the process.

I strongly urge you deny the request for order of protection for the principles of GLBT. As a land owner whose day to day operations and decisions have already been affected by this travesty I cannot state my opposition strongly enough. This letter addresses the aspect of confidentiality. I will also be sending a letter with additional comment regarding this docket. Thank you for your time.

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