

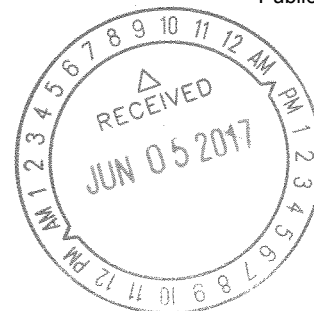
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Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I am very concerned about the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad. The agricultural and environmental effects would be horrendous. North central Illinois has some of the richest soils in the world and a significant livestock industry. Both would be seriously damaged by this proposed railroad. Numerous fields would be split and unreachable. Many roads would be closed, making it difficult for school buses and emergency vehicles to reach their customers in a timely manner.

Large wetlands would be affected. Three rivers would be crossed greatly increasing the contamination possibility of a water supply for the city of Rockford, the second largest city in Illinois. In the last couple of years we have achieved habitat restoration and have several pairs of bald eagles nesting in our area.

The lives, homes and livelihoods of thousands of residents would be affected. No jobs would be created, as this is a rail expressway, no stops. I understand a toll road, pipeline, and high wire electric lines are also included in this proposal. It is not just a railroad. Old railways have a 20 foot easement. The GLB railway has a 200 ft easement!

The GLB Railroad is a private enterprise. Why can they claim eminent domain? The only people to gain from this project are the investors while thousands of people will lose their home values, homes and jobs. NO EMINENT DOMAIN FOR PRIVATE GAIN! Please stop this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Frampton".

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