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To whom it may concern,

The purpose of this letter is to OPPOSE the rail line proposed by Great Lakes Basin Transportation. There are enough rail lines not being used and corresponding right away to accommodate the problem in the Chicago area. The rail line proposed by Great Lakes Basin is a flagrant intrusion upon the lives of others under the guise that problem in the Chicago area is best solved through changes made away from Chicago.

Agricultural business is already encroached upon by big business. Large operations currently force non-environmentally sound and unsustainable practice onto farms as well as urban sprawl and more traffic on rural roads. Beyond hijacking longstanding family businesses on the market, it appears organizations believe that it is also acceptable to physically sever farmers from their land all together. The effects of Great Lakes Basin include cutting swaths through fields and closing roads for the simple reason that level land is an easy place to build. This will funnel private and business traffic to speed by front doors and choke the economic and less tangible value of their lives. At some point we need to start considering our soil as a national treasure. It is unfair and terribly wrong for private investors to be able to hold people's lives hostage while they plan their newest venture.

Sincerely,

Eric Conway