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To: Surface Transportation Board

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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in response to the Great Lakes Basin Railroad project. I petition the Surface Transportation Board to (1) insist that GLTB produce financial & feasibility details with the creation & operation of the, now multi-faceted, project and (2) deny GLTB the Motion of Protective Order.

While one individuals plea cannot control an outcome, I certainly hope the hundreds of thousands of people affected, by the process alone, can count on the SBT team for their expertise, government efficiency, and humility assuring GLTB does not drag this process out due to an inability to demonstrate the proper level of business acumen needed for a proposal of this magnitude.

Each day & month this project progresses, now with the twists and turns similar to a meandering river or a classic suspense-thriller, burdens residents across multiple states, counties and municipalities. Personally, with what seems to be a questionable project & timeline I am forced to put an indefinite hold on necessary residential updates to my family's home due to concern we could be throwing our savings into our house that (1) we may no longer wish to raise our children at and (2) that we cannot afford to ever recoup the costs already put in.

Hearing how our home value has went down, with just the speculative routes from GLBT, Inc, has been unnerving enough but realizing we could lose another 20%, if approved, is much worse. For those of us that are trying to make the best decisions for our family's future are now at the mercy of this process and decision.

The need for progress in commerce is real but I plea the STB holds the businesses & individuals advancing trade & transportation to the highest-level of professionalism, transparency & accountability; just as a billion dollar corporation is required to provide its investors, because the citizens affected by your decision are certainly shareholders.

Please consider denying GLTB a Motion of Protective Order and request they provide a more detailed financial analysis on the development & operation assuring the STB and citizens have full disclosure of information to make an optimal decision; which I am optimistic would lead to rejecting the GLTB proposal entirely.

Respectfully,  
Jason Erickson