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I am writing as to our concern on GLBT - FD35952 as the proposed route would cross behind our house and through our farm in the NW 1/4 of section 13, Vienna Twp, Grundy County, IL. The proposed rail would pass directly behind our home and split our 157 acre farm into multiple triangles. On the south quarter of the farm there is over a 4% grade rolling down from the top of the ridge where the train tracks are proposed to split the pasture, 2 small fields, drainage ditch, and cross the creek in the timber and back up 30 plus feet on the south creek wall. This topography is unsuitable at over a 4% grade drop and rise in a 1/4 mile for a 70 mile an hour train! Graded tracks would not be applicable as that little drainage ditch though it may seem small now can turn into a roaring white water rafting flow in a flash flood. It took out our cattle, crossing culvert and all gravel etc around it and moved it to the top of the ridge in a flash flood. What would it do to a rail? Not to mention you have the creek also doing the same! There is a reason the tracks some 70 years DID NOT pick this spot!!!! As purposed with no large spanned bridge they would be building a DAM!!! Would it Breach and take out the tracks? The GLB did not do their homework and all they did was draw a line. I would therefore ask the surface transportation board to deny the GLB project.