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Mr. Blodgett,
Knowing you have received many of these letters I will keep this short and to the point.

I am writing in opposition of the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation (GLBT) 261 mile rail line from Indiana, through Illinois into Wisconsin. I am further very disturbed by the lack of information being provided by the GLBT and its funders. If this project is being proposed for the "greater good" why are they withholding information? Is this really for the greater good or simply a way for the rich to get richer?

One of the great things about America is our freedom and the ability to make as much money as we can. Another great thing about America is our freedom to lead a peaceful existence, doing what we love without intrusion. Our country was founded on freedom and abilities to choose that peaceful existence. And many of the people who built this great country were farmers, who tilled the land so that we could survive and passed that belief down the generations. Now GLBT funders would like nothing more than to simply pay off and move those farmers so they can make more money than they would know how to spend.

And what about those farmers who are adjacent to the proposed rail? Not only will they have that peaceful lifestyle completely destroyed, they won't even be compensated. What are they to do? Mr. Blodgett, if GLBT ran a rail adjacent to your home you would simply move. If they ran a rail next to your place of employment and you couldn't stand the noise, you would likely find another job. The American Farmer cannot pick up his land and move it. The American Farmer does not have the resources to buy land somewhere else to continue the lifestyle he has. Tearing apart the farming communities along the proposed rail line is a clear message the government is more concerned about helping rich people make money and less about the people who helped build the government.

I ask you to please deny GLBT's proposal.

Regards,
Daniel Dummer