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By law, GLBT must show that building and operating the proposed rail line is not inconsistent with the public convenience and necessity (PC&N). This proposed toll rail line is not a 'necessity'. None of the 6 major Class 1 railroads have openly supported this proposed toll rail line, and none have acknowledged that they would use it. In fact, two have publicly stated in writing more than once that they are NOT interested. The CREATE program in and around Chicago has (and is) successfully remedying rail congestion and have cut the number of waiting hours dramatically. Regarding 'public convenience', none can be proved or even be suggested. As you know, this is a privately-owned/operated *freight* rail, not a commuter/passenger rail. As such, it would not serve the 'public', but only serve private interests. This project would cause substantial public INconvenience and hardship on many levels to thousands of people it impacts. Your office has received thousands of comments stating so. Given the above, GLBT does not pass the PC&N requirement, therefore the only decision must be 'no build'.