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To the Surface Transportation Board:

This letter is to demand that the Motion for Protective Order of keeping the investors and financial backers of the Great Lakes Basin Railroad a secret be denied.

If Mr. Patton actually does have financial support for this unnecessary project, it seems that there should be openness to those landowners and communities that this toll rail line route will destroy. He has said that this would be funded 100% by private investors and also that it could be funded by Federal loans. The plan jumps from being a rail bypass around Chicago to now including an attached privately funded expressway.

Mr. Patton promised to reveal his investors and we are here, a year later, with no concrete financial information. As landowners, we have had to reveal to the seller our source of funding. If this project headed by Frank Patton intends to take our land, close our local roads and disrupt our means of income, we have the right to know where this money is coming from and that he actually HAS a source to fund this.

Please do not allow the Great Lakes Basin project to hide their investors. The lack of open dialogue with this entire project is quite concerning. If no operating railroads have expressed an interest in using the GLB toll rails, is there really a need? **We have the right to know who is behind this plan!**

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