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GLBT Application

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Re: Docket No. FD35952 Great Lake Basin Transportation, Inc.

Dear Office of the Surface Transportation Board,

As a land owner whose land is currently impacted by the proposed rail route of Great Lakes Basin Transportation (GLBT), I would like to comment on the issue regarding the request for non disclosure of principles of GLBT. I strongly urge you to deny this request and these are my reasons why

1. As GBLT is proceeding as a for profit venture, they should be held to the same standards of any business proposal. To which the more information the better, to aid in the decision making process. Where and how is the funding going to be provided? Is funding even available. What are the contingency plans?
2. As someone who may be forced into dealing with GLBT, whom are we dealing with and what is their track record if any? In watching some of the scoping meetings Mr. Patton greeted all the many continents that may be watching, leading one to believe the foreign venture capitalist may be involved. Hard facts no, rampant speculation yes, which we are forced to do as so little information is available. Given the fact that this proposal impacts tens of thousands of acres of America's heartland and countless lives, I feel it is your duty and responsibility to divulge who GLBT really is.
3. The wide disparity in the budget amount of 8 billion lowered to 2.8 billion raises the question of is the adjustment due to the fact they don't have a clue of what they are doing? Does the 8 billion dollar budget include all the recently disclosed plans of roadway and airport? If so that should have been on the table from the beginning. Or rather has GLBT found a legal loophole as to legally "steal" our properties so the cost of the project can be lowered substantially?

I strongly urge you deny the request for order of protection for the principles of GLBT. As a land owner whose day to day operations and decisions have already been affected by this travesty I cannot state my opposition strongly enough. On a personal level, because it is personal, today we buried my mother in law of almost 40 years. Our farm has been in the family for over 70 years. Mr Frank Patton has a light bulb moment and we spend countless hours defending our rights. Today I should be grieving and spending time with family. However deadlines loom, so here I am. This is not a scientific lab or think tank where ideas are floated and tested. These are real life decisions that impact massive amounts of lives. I am not a not in my back yard, no progress person. However the lack of information, the way in which this has proceeded makes me certain this is an entity that cannot be supported. This letter addresses the aspect of confidentiality. I will also be sending a letter with additional comment regarding this docket. Thank you for your time.

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