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I am opposed to the Great Lakes Basin Railroad, I feel their application is lacking in information, also their analysis of need is inadequate. GLBT does not address any of the improvements that are occurring already to reduce rail congestion. One such improvement is the increase in Barge traffic on the Mississippi River, the Missouri Department of Transportation is actively seeking to increase barge traffic as one 15 pull barge can replace 2 100 car trains. It is estimated barges can take up to 25% of the train traffic out of the Chicago metro area. there needs to be a much greater study of what the true future train levels will be in Chicagoland. GLBT also does not address the CREATE program in any depth at all and how this program has already greatly reduce travel times for residents and trains in Chicagoland.