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**Victoria Rutson, Director
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Re: Docket No. FD 35952, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. – Authority to Construct and Operate a Rail Line in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin: Request for additional public comment due to GLBT's Response to Information Request # 1

Dear Director Rutson,

The Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. has adopted a new Preferred Route that will significantly impact communities and residents along this new Preferred Route. Many landowners who may be adversely impacted by this new Preferred Route are just now learning about the project and did not provide public comment during the initial Scoping Process.

The new Preferred Route was submitted by the GLBT and disclosed to the public after the close of the initial public comment period. I respectfully request that a new public comment period be set specifically for GLBT's Response to the individuals and communities impacted by the rail construction project. I request that the STB allow a minimum 60-day public comment period on the GLBT's Response to information Request No. 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Bivins".

**Tim Bivins
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