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Message: I did submit a letter earlier, but have more opinions to add. I am against the GLBR building their railroad in our area. Many years ago Iowa had a state law requiring them to keep a certain percentage of their state for farm land. This is very wise, in my opinion. My neighbors are farmers and it is becoming harder for them to find land to rent for farming. They have had to file bankruptcy and re-mortgage their home to make up for lost revenues from lack of land certain years. I have not heard a figure on how many acres of land this may encompass. Too much I think.

I understand the congestion with the rail roads in Chicago. We need railroads. In also see in our area there are tracks that are hardly used. I know trains are not like cars, you can't just "turn right anywhere". I feel the option of using existing rail roads should also be researched deeply before this line should be allowed.

I have seen abandoned places where rail road tracks used to be. They don't seem to be put back into farm land. Some become walking paths.

Thank you for your time!