

Kilmer Farms
7505 S Verona Road
Dwight, IL 60420

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MAY 16, 2016

Mr. David Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001
Docket No. FD 35952

Dear Mr. Navecky,

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Additionally, crude oil, if spilled from a train car will cause irreparable damage to our environment. Oil trains in America spilled crude more often in 2014 than any year since 1975 (NBC News). Our community cannot afford the risk of an oil spill or worse, an oil train derailment which could be deadly, as was the derailment in Quebec in 2013 in which 47 people were killed and the town mostly destroyed (NBC News).

As landowners and farmers in the direct path of the GLB Railroad, we strongly object to this project.

Warm regards,

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Darryl Kilmer

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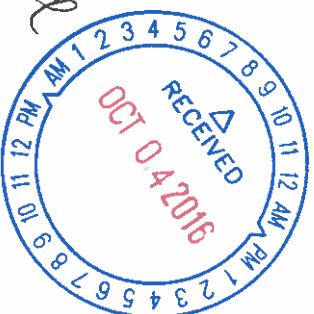
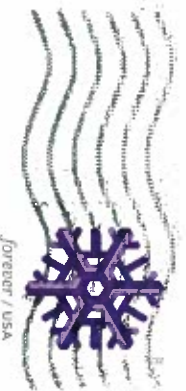
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Timothy Kilmer

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