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ATTN: Docket # FD-35952

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Ken Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
Docket # FD 35952
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Mr. Blodgett,

After reviewing the available information about the proposed Great Lakes Basin (GLB) rail project, it is my opinion that the proposed GLB project has failed to sufficiently provide documentation that supports public convenience and necessity. For the following reasons I respectfully request that the STB cease any further action on this project.

My wife and I are retired. My wife, Patricia, has medical problems. Closing the roads between our home and Emergency medical facilities is unacceptable. If the roads are closed as proposed for the rail project, this would not only be an inconvenience but a safety issue. We also do not want to live in the fear of an oil spill like so many I have seen on the news. We live on the Pecatonica River and this railway will have an adverse effect on all wildlife and possibly ruin the river.

The above provided information is what led me to the conclusion that the proposed GLB project is inconsistent with the public convenience and necessity. It was insufficiently vetted before starting the approval process. I respectfully request that the STB takes "no action" on this project.

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