

May 27, 2017

Surface Transportation Board
Docket# FD 35952
395 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Surface Transportation Board,

Great Lakes Basin Transportation (GLBT) is trying to get a railroad to go through next to our back yard property lines out in the country in Beloit Township, Beloit Wisconsin in Eastern Rock County. The people in our neighborhood bought their homes in the country for peace and quiet and the country environment. The investors know nothing about rail lines and want a new line to collect tolls instead of using existing rail lines. The proposed rail lines would create environmental issues including wetlands and two crossings of the Rock River. Pesticides used on the rail line would affect the trees, shrubs, grass, pets and children in our backyards. The train horn would continuously be noisy since the highway the train would cross is extremely close. The noise and the vibrations from the train would constantly keep us awake at night and shake our houses. People having the railroad running along their property line in the back yard would lose significant property value. If the train derails carrying toxic materials and/or oil, our ground water table for drinking would be affected for the people and the farm animals and our community does not have the manpower to handle an oil fire. This project was a complete surprise to us and our township board. The GLBT gave no warning of their intentions nor any presentations in our community. The GLBT project is not a win-win situation. It only benefits the investors. Our neighborhood wishes to keep the train from being built at all in our area. We want no action to be taken for this project in our area. Please help us.

Sincerely,



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