



April 20, 2017

Ms. Victoria Rutson  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Mr. Kenneth Blodgett  
Surface Transportation Board  
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Dear Ms. Rutson and Mr. Blodgett:

I write to express my continued opposition to the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line (GLBRL) and my concerns with Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.'s (GLBT) application delay. I again ask you to consider my constituents in your review of this proposal and not grant another extension if one is requested.

I have previously asked that the STB quickly reject GLBT's plan entirely and choose a "no build" option. The residents of southern Wisconsin should be able to move on with their lives without threat of plummeting property values, economic instability, and potential condemnation. By extending the life of this application and offering no certainty, the residents of southern Wisconsin simply cannot do that.

The application delays already requested by GLBRL exceed what the residents of southern Wisconsin consider reasonable. GLBT needs to complete the application process in a timely manner, or definitively shutter the project. Continued delays create unnecessary frustration and hardship on area residents.

I strongly oppose the GLBRL both as a concept as well as the particular route proposed through western Rock County. Any advantages and economic development brought by the GLBRL will not be realized by the people living and working along the route or by the general public.

As the April 30 extension deadline approaches, I again ask that the STB reject any further requests from GLBT to extend the deadline and that the STB reject the GLBRL and choose a "no build" option.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to finding a solution that best serves the interests of my constituents and the residents of southern Wisconsin.

Sincerely,

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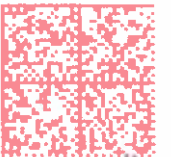


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