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We the undersigned do not want the serene, rustic areas of the State of Illinois, as well as Indiana, and Wisconsin, to be destroyed by the proposed railroad. Many of these areas are important havens for wildlife and conservation in general. We must think of our grandchildren who would love to see Canada geese, pheasants, raccoons, deer, and other such beauties of nature. If the proposal to have such a railroad is passed, our grandchildren will be robbed of these beauties.

Thousands of acres of extremely productive farm land will be destroyed forever in three states, not to mention the destruction of field tile, road closures, flooding, possible derailment of railcars and the loss of agriculture jobs. Also consider the need for additional bridges and relocation funds for those who will be displaced. More specifically in LaSalle County, the Fox River, Silver Springs Park, and Starved Rock, to mention a few, will be adversely affected by the proposed railroad as these recreation areas are used by many families.

We implore the Surface Transportation Board to discontinue the proposal to construct the Great Lakes Basin Railroad Project.

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