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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
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Docket No. FD 35952

Dear Surface Transportation Board,

I have many concerns about the proposed Great Lakes Basin Rail Line. My family settled in Illinois in 1850. They lived in a sod house on 80 acres of land. My family farm has grown with years of hard work. I now live in a house that was built by my great grandfather after he came back from serving in the civil war. Many improvements have been implemented over that time to make it some of the most productive farmland in Illinois.

GBL Rail Line would like to put a train track here. A train track will stop the drainage tiles from working, and make it difficult to get to the other half of the field. I will see and hear everyone of those 110 trains a day from my house. There is already a lengthy time for emergency vehicles to respond for calls. There will be added time waiting for all those trains, it could cause loss of life.

Our schools get their funding from the taxes we pay on our land. There are very few businesses in our district. Devaluation of farmland and houses that are close to the track will result in a short fall of funds to educate our children.

My family has worked very hard to protect this land and make it productive for future generations. The Great Lakes Basin Railroad has shown no interest in moving it to preserve farmland, and are not interested in the fact that I do not wish to sell any of my land. I want to keep it in the family for future generations to make a living farming.

Please deny Great Lakes Basin Rail Road the right to force a railroad on people who do not want one!

Betty Danielson

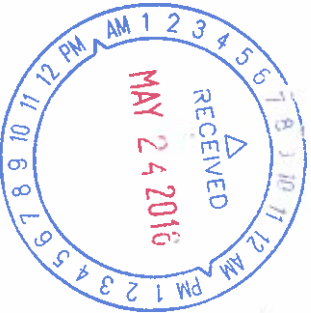


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