

To: Ms. Victoria Rutson

Director

EI-25829

Office of Environmental Analysis

Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street SW

Washington, DC 20423

RE: Re: Finance Docket No.35952, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. – Authority to Construct and Operate a Rail Line in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am writing to you to stress the concerns I have and how this railroad will personally affect my family and our 100-year-old family farm. I live at 7851 Cemetery Road, Winnebago, IL., 61088. This proposed railroad will cut off part of our farm on the South side of the road and cut through the middle of a field on the North side of the road behind my son's house. This, of course, will cut down the production of this family farm, the income from the farm and the land value of our farm. Very rich productive land will no longer be used to grow our crops.

The proposed route will cut across Cemetery road to the East of Edward's Apple Orchard West and the track will make it necessary to either close Cemetery road or make it a very dangerous crossing for the hundreds of cars that use this road to access the Apple Orchard in the Fall. The frequent crossing of the trains could also delay response times for our police, fire and ambulance vehicles.

Quite frankly, I see no benefit in Great Lakes Basin Transportation creating this railroad as they are not a railroad company, have no experience in this area and they have no trains that have agreed to run on this track.

I am requesting that GLBT produce an actual status update of their application and if they do not produce their application by April 30, 2017 that this application is withdrawn.

Thank you for your consideration,

Georgeanne Daly

Landowner – Winnebago County, Illinois

