

**Docket No. FD 35952****Christine Hannon** to: david.navecky

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I strongly oppose and am AGAINST the proposed Great Lakes Basin Rail Line that will significantly impact our Centennial family owned and operated farm.

This proposed line runs through our tillable farmland at a 45 degree angle in New Durham Township, LaPorte County, starting at mile 3.9 and going to mile 3.2 and again at mile 2.5. This drastically affects 5 of our 7 productive fields as well as running in close proximity to our homestead and a 2nd home we own. This divides our farmland making acres difficult to access, reducing farm productivity causing loss of income, not to mention irreversible damage to one of our most valued resources. Where will our nations' and the world food supply come from? There is only so much productive farmland and once it's gone, it would be virtually impossible to reclaim it as it once was due to high costs and irreversible damages.

Threats to our farming operation also include:

- drainage issues
- transportation of hazardous materials with potential spills and/or fires
- closure of local roads making it more difficult to get from one field to another

Like many of our farming neighbors, we are third and fourth generations of producers on our families' land. We are committed to the land and the preservation of our agricultural community.

We need to stop this NOW to ensure for generations to come, that the same agricultural quality that we have been privileged to enjoy, remains our legacy.

Respectfully,
Christine Hannon