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Docket No. F.D. 35952

May 5, 1917

Mr. Blodgett,

This is the second letter I have written regarding our concern about the IGB Railroad. The time to Mr. Dave Navecky, but we have been informed Mr. Patton his investors have reapplied.

We live in the western side of Winnebago County in a rural area. The latest proposed route is within a thousand feet of our home. So our neighbors will be forced to leave since the track will go right through their property.

Our road will be terminated at the railroad crossing. This denies us access to emergency vehicles such as fire, police, and





ambulances in a timely fashion. It also will cause problems for school buses. I understand from various town meetings, that our country roads will just end. No crossings are allowed except for major highways.

Our family does not farm or own property but there are a lot of families near us that do. The railroad will cut farms in two and limit accessibility to fields. We still need our farms! As far as we know we still need a lot in this country and the proposed dissects some of the farm land in the state.

In Winnebago County there are also wet lands, migratory bird sanctuaries, and two forest preserves that will be effected. There are also three schools that are of concern. Unfortunately accidents do happen. Who wants a chemical spill near a school!





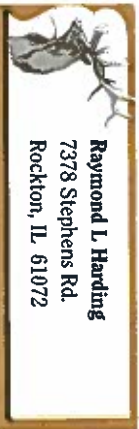
Since this proposal is supposed to alleviate in the Chicago area, it is necessary. I am sure you are aware of the Plan for Chicago involving US DOT IL DOT, the Chicago Metra, Amtrak called. Millions of dollars are being spent though not complete the congestion is improving.

The only benefit we see from ILLB is to Mr. Patton & his son as he will be charging a toll to the companies using his track.

We hope you will consider the concerns of all of us that within the affected area. I understand this will affect car from Indiana to Rock County Wisconsin. Please deny a pd to this company.

Ray & Sandy
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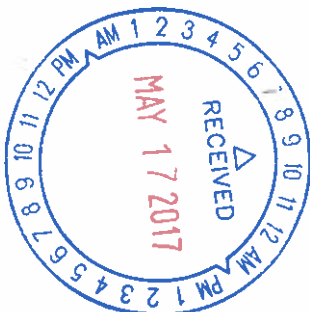
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