

June 6, 2016

Surface Transportation Board
395 E St. SW
Washington, D.C., 20423-0001

Docket No. FD-35952

Dear Mr. Dave Navecky,

Five reasons for NOT allowing the GLBRR to proceed:

1. The LOSS of farm land and food production.
2. No need to DUPLICATE and existing by-pass.
3. LOST tax revenue.
4. ENVIRONMENT Impact.
5. WASTE of money and resources.

The purposed Great Lakes Basin RR By-Pass (GLBRR) will REMOVE over 15,000 acres of high production farm land.

The 1,000 farmers CAN NOT relocate; we CAN NOT invent new farm land. That will mean lost FOOD production.

With the increasing population in future years, the \$8 Billion dollars purposed for this project would be better spent in trying to create more food than to decrease its production.

Canadian National RR has a working By-Pass around Chicago, (aka: The Elgin, Joliet & Eastern RR).

To create a new by-pass within 20 miles of the current by-pass is a complete waste of money and resources.

There would also be a great impact on the homes and business.

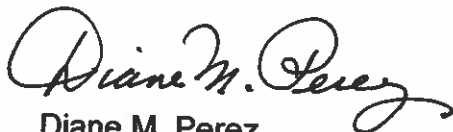
If the home owners can't find affordable housing they may move to another state.

If the business can't find suitable and affordable new locations they will either move to another state or go "out of business".

Both of which would mean lost tax revenue.

The purposed RR would also have a HUGH impact on the environment, and we need to take care of the planet we live on, it's the ONLY one we have.

Thank you for your time and efforts on our behalf.
Sincerely,



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