

November 6, 2016

Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Opposition to Surface Transportation Board Docket FD 35952

Dear Surface Transportation Board:

As residents of La Porte County, Indiana, we are writing this letter in opposition to the Great Lakes Basin Transportation proposal. The comment period for this matter needs to be reopened as the September 2016 revised route affects a different group of citizens. My husband and I have both worked and saved our whole lives to be able to build our dream home on 900 West in La Porte. We would not have considered the current home location had we known about proposed rail route. The proposed route for the GLBT Rail is not only devastating to us but to the thousands of land owners along the proposed rail route.

I have enclosed a map of the September 2016 proposed route near my future home, which is to be completed December 2016. The blue circles on the enclosed map are rail crossings. The proposed GLBT route adds seven more rail crossings within close proximity to our home. Per www.greatlakesbasin.net, the proposed rail line has the capacity to carry up to 110 trains a day. That would be a train coming through our quiet country setting every 13 minutes!

We are not saying "not in my front yard" — we are saying "not at all." This proposal is not a way of creating jobs and economic growth for our area; it is taking land from taxpaying land owners for private profit. Private profit that damages/divides local farms, decreases property value, increases traffic congestion, and increases noise pollution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kenneth and Jennifer Collette

