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Mr. Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
3395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Subject: Docket No. FD 35952

Dear Mr. Navecky:

When the population in Rock County is totally against the railroad **WHY** would **Eminent Domain** be allowed for private gain? We are going to lose some of our most valuable agricultural land. Food is necessary, railroads are not! There are existing railroad tracks coming from Chicago going through Janesville and Milton, Wisconsin. Why can't they be utilized?

The proposed railroad, crossing **County M**, puts residents living east of this track without rapidly responding emergency help. Six years ago my son-in-law was injured on Cty M slightly west of Emerald Grove Rd. EMT's were on the scene within a matter of minutes when they had to resuscitate him. He was rushed to Mercy Hospital in Janesville, dead on arrival. He was resuscitated the second time in the trauma center at the hospital. He survived. All this happened within 26 minutes. Had there been a train coming down the track either coming to or leaving this scene the patient would not have survived. This crossing is the **shortest route coming from Milton to residents living east of the proposed track. Emergency assistance is vital to life.** No bridge is even planned. Not enough traffic? What about sustaining a threatened life?

Is alleviating Chicago's congestion more important than farmland which continually gets taken and contaminated? **Where are our priorities?** Some farms are being chopped into two and three parcels of land. All this to fill pockets of wealthy investors or to save time in Chicago?.

What about the loss of revenue to our Townships? No taxes from the wealthy railroad investors but more taxes for us. Not to mention the lost home values. This is prime Wisconsin land or will we be saying "was prime Wisconsin land"?

When the people in Rock County do not want this railroad **WHY** would a for-profit company be allowed **Eminent Domain** to grab land for their **personal gain**? Certainly this is not democratic--- Please give the people of Rock County your utmost attention to a concern we all share. Say "NO" to the railroad. Thank you for your time spent on this endeavor

Sincerely,



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cc: Governor Scott Walker; Reps. Amy Loudensbeck & Andy Jorgensen; Senators Tammy Baldwin, Stephen L. Nass, Janis A. Ringhand & Ron Johnson; Congressman Paul Ryan

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