

**Great Lakes Basin Rail Road****Fred Martin** to: david.navecky

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Good Afternoon Mr. Navecky,

I support the Great Lakes Rail Road. If rail and highway traffic is not relieved from our current railroads and highways the overall impact to our regional be far worse than the great Lakes Basin Railroad. We live in the third largest metroplition are in the country and one of the largest logistics centers in the world. Movement of goods will only increase, not decrease. We are now in a world market, not a national one. Porter County government has built on more farm ground than anyone else. Porter County took farm land our of service for the Expo Center/Fairgrounds, the new jail, juvenile center and most recently a sports complex north of the town of Kouts. Environmental issues were merely mentioned and stated there would not be any negative environmental or drainage issues. What makes the railroad any different?

As chil attending Kouts Elementary School, I crossed active railroad track twice on my way to school and again on my way home. One set of railroad tracks were only two blocks from our school. No one suffered any ill effects from the proximity of the school to the railroad.

The chemicals used by farmers and load motorcycles I hear form my house seem to be a more pressing issue than a railroad that would relieve traffic on both over crowed highway and railroads.

Respectfully,