

May 21, 2017

Mr. Ken Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
Docket #FD35952
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Blodgett,

I am writing to you in opposition to the Great Lakes Basin Railway and Toll road project.

THE LOSS OF OUR FARMLAND WOULD BE PERMANENT!

What took us years to build rich productive soil, should not be destroyed in minutes by bulldozers. By destroying our farmland, it would mean we would depend on other nations to feed our growing population.

Our farmland is very diverse. It habitats wildlife and most importantly produces food not just to nourish our bodies but it is also used for clean renewable energy and to feed livestock.

We are the sixth generation in production of our farmland. It is not fair to us for someone to come in and just take it away from us! It is our livelihood and our passion to produce and feed our country.

It is also the future of our children. Why should their dreams of farming be determined by a man who cares only about making a name for himself.

Please save the farmer and everything his family and he has worked for.

Farmers are dedicated to supplying food for our country.

NO FARMS NO FOOD.

BLOCK GLB Railroad

I certify that I have this day served copies of this document upon all parties of record in this proceeding by US mail.

Sincerely,

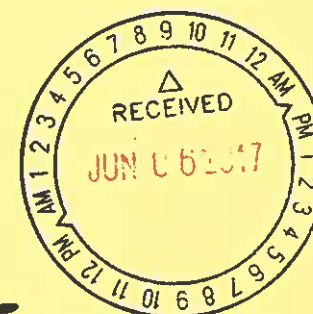
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Sohner".

Jim Sohner
Sohner Family Farms since 1868

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