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**GREAT LAKES BASIN TRANSPORTATION, INC—AUTHORITY TO
CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE A RAIL LINE IN INDIANA, ILLINOIS,
AND WISCONSIN**

June 4, 2016

Dear Mr. Navecky, please use this email as a record of my opposition to the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad based on the following environmental concern.

I am located in Manteno, IL near the proposed GLB site. There is a saying in Manteno that “when it rains in Will County, it floods in Kankakee County.” The name “Great Lakes Basin” fits this railroad as all the water runs toward Kankakee County.

For example, in Will County, Peotone IL elevation is 702 feet, Beecher IL elevation is 736 feet.

In Kankakee County, Grant Park, IL is 695 feet, Manteno, IL elevation is 688 feet and Bonfield IL elevation is 630 feet.

All of the rain and flood waters flow directly thru Kankakee County. The GLB will cause substantial disruption to the natural flow of water thru Kankakee County with a railroad that meanders thru Kankakee County. It will cause drainage issues everywhere it goes as it lies perpendicular to the natural flow of water. All the work done on dredging creeks and installing field tiles will be for naught as this will stop all the drainage.

I am opposed to the GLB plan and I would hope you and the STB would vote against it.

Thank you.

Regards

Dale Hoots

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