

May 29 2016

Mr. Dave Haveck
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
Washington DC 20423-0001
Attn: Docket # FD 35952

Dear Sir:

I believe the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line has awakened a sleeping giant.

This rail line does not give any benefit to agriculture that we don't already have. We have access to waterways for our grain.

It will change the course of many natural waterways. You can't excavate land without disrupting nature's drainage system. Farmers have provided

will destroy these titles. I have seen this occur when a subdivision was built $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from a home and the owner had to install a new drainage system and the pump pump runs constantly. It altered the grade of the land and disrupted the natural flow of surface water. He never had any water issues near to the sub-division project.

I am 78 yrs old and I have seen good farmland destroyed by malls & subdivisions. Someday we will be digging up cement for food. Is this the future we want for our children and grandchildren?

The number of railroad crossings in our school district is a concern. We have many

children is a big concern.

The number of gas and oil lines that are already in the ground is a safety concern. It is frightening to think of heavy rail cars going over these lines that aren't buried that deep. Speak to some of the rural fire departments and get their input.

These are just a few of my concerns, so please review all these issues before making a decision you may regret later.

Thank you for your time

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