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Docket #:	FD	-35952	- -
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Message:	Attached please find the Lake County Council's Resolution No. 16-77, the Resolution in Opposition to the Great Lakes Trail Basin Railroad Line Project.		



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**RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL
IN OPPOSITION TO THE GREAT LAKES
TRAIL BASIN RAILROAD LINE PROJECT**

- WHEREAS,** Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. plans to file either a petition for exemption pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Sec. 10502, or an application pursuant to 49 U.S.C. Sec. 10901, seeking authority from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Surface Transportation Board to construct and operate an approximately 278-mile rail line; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed rail line would extend generally from near LaPorte, Indiana through Illinois to near Milton, Wisconsin and would connect with existing Class I railroads; and
- WHEREAS,** the proposed rail line would run the entire length of Lake County from west to east and would have significant environmental impacts on the County which would include transportation of hazardous materials, closure of local roads, devaluing of property, drainage issues and negative impacts on future land use; and
- WHEREAS,** the construction and operation of the Great Lakes Basin Transportation's rail line would create noise, vibration and considerable safety concerns at all crossings; and
- WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Transportation's Surface Transportation Board's Office of Environmental Analysis announced that the comment period to Draft Scope of Study for the Environmental Impact Statement has been extended to July 15, 2016; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lake County Council opposes the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.'s proposed 278-mile rail line.

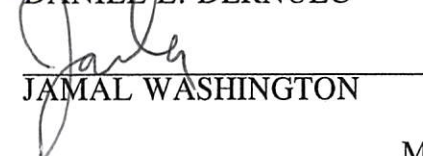
NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

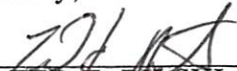
That the Lake County Council opposes the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.'s proposed 278-mile rail line; this Resolution shall be submitted electronically to the Surface Transportation Board (www.stb.dot.gov) reference Docket No. FD 35952 prior to July 15, 2016.

SO RESOLVED THIS 12th day of July, 2016.


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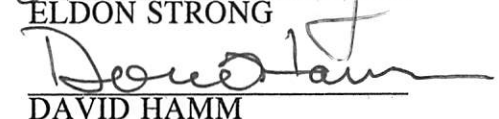

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