

Surface of Transportation Board

Attn: Deb Miller

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Dear Chairman Daniel R. Elliott III

My name is Nicole Latronica, I am a college student at College Of DuPage in Illinois. I was researching the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line project for one of my classes, and was very distraught at how devastating the effects would be. I felt compelled to reach out to you and explain why I feel it is a bad idea to approve the building of this rail line. The farmers, homeowners and business owners in the areas where the rail line would cut through would be greatly affected. The rail line would cause property value to decrease. The founder of the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line proposed 20k an acre to the property owners in exchange for their land. This is not enough for many people, in fact no amount of money is. Some of the land is home to generations of family's and contains historic farms. History would be destroyed by the tracks should it be built. On a health scale, the crude oil and other hazardous materials would find their way into rivers and other bodies of water. Thousands of people and wildlife drink from these sources of water every day. If contamination occurs, many people and wildlife would become very ill or die. I ask you to please consider these cons, I hope my voice will be heard and make a difference.

Thank you, Nicole Latronica

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