

Attn: Docket #FD-35952

May 6, 2017

Ken Blodgett
Surface Transportation Board
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395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Blodgett

Having reviewed all available information about the proposed GLB project, it is my opinion that the proposed project has failed to provide the documentation need to convince me that this is necessary to support public convenience. For the following reasons, I respectfully request that the STB cease any further action to continue this project.

Thousands of high quality farmland would needlessly be permanently removed from production. Food and farmers should be a priority as the population burgeons.

The process of eminent domain is not intended to be used for personal gain and profitability.

Our wells, many not deep, have good water and could readily be contaminated with a chemical or oil spill.

Protected Indian mounds and artifacts are in the area.

The wetlands in Winnebago County are fragile, but healthy, and need to be maintained, not compromised and broken up. Many acres of wetlands would be destroyed with each mile of railroad. The super soft understructure would hardly support the weight of heavily loaded tank cars.

Our air quality would be diminished with the continued pollutants emitted from continual railroad emissions, not to say the risk of any spills or leakage.

If evacuation became necessary, our nearest hospital would also be in the evacuation zone. Where would the injured be taken?

Our local elementary school is in the immediate evacuation zone. Again, where would any injured students be taken with the hospital also in the evacuation zone.

Several agritourism businesses in the area would lose their appeal and no doubt their profitability.

The above points is what has led me to the conclusion that the GLB project is inconsistent with public safety, convenience and necessity. Please take "no action" on this project.

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