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Surface Transportation Board

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Docket - FD35952

STB,

Please take a moment to review the concerns regarding the GNB Railroad in Winnebago County, Illinois. & Please Deny it!

This proposed rail is to carry hazardous materials that if derailed would it's an explode & burn out scenario nothing that would be able to be cleaned up.

Evacuation would be up to 30 miles.

This would effect our water supply forever being our water supply forever!!

Our water table is extremely high - our well depth is +/- 30'. Northern Winnebago, where have the largest cold water aquifer in the area (which the rail will directly effect).

Due to the extremely high water table in our County it doesn't make sense that a train can effectively run on unstable ground.

In addition this train would cross 2 main rivers the Rock & Pecatonica. There are also several areas that are "marshland" which as name implies are basically swamp land. which require the train to go thru approx 5 miles near Indian Rd in Northtown Winnebago Cty, and another 2-3 miles in Rock Cty Wis.

This track will be within $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles of a Elementary school which provokes an extreme safety concern.

Wild life would be effected & displaced. The Endangered Massasauga Snake, fish population due to pollution of ponds, springs & rivers. We have safe havens for wild life & migrating birds.

Mygums wetlands, Seversons hills, Moody Marsh all of which will be directly impacted by this rail.

Emergency response times will be directly effected!! There are

- approx 24 proposed rail road crossings in the Wrennabago school district, approx 7 rail crossings in Shuland school district. Concern of rail impacting school busses & response time of emergency vehicles esp due to proposed road closures (making roads dead end)
 - even if roads are not closed the impact of waiting at crossings could severely impact responses & ultimately cause life / death situations that would otherwise not have ended in death!
- Our children could ultimately be on school bus for 1/2 hr to 1 mile, as well as Emergency times added.

The noise & air pollution from trains are extremely toxic. The soil pollution will effect our farmers & their livelihood. Our land is NOT renewable - NO MORE being made!! Its value is beyond anything. This will split farmers farms up & land lock many acres due to fact that they can't cross the tracks, causing livelihoods being lost.

This Rail will Negatively / Ruin so

much, Livelihoods, nature, wildlife
Peace + Quite Country living, Safety

GLB is wanting to take our Land
for private gain to get from
one point to another with no
regards to the lives they impact
or ruin. Major rail lines have
already refused to use this
"toll" rail. Personal Investor
gain should NOT come at the
expense of hard working Americans
struggling to live a comfortable
relaxed Country life!!

Please Please Do NOT approve
this rail road!! It is a
disaster waiting to happen!

Thank you in advance,
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