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You are probably aware of the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad freight line that would cut directly through Grundy and Kankakee counties, destroying thousands of acres of farmland and disrupting our way of life. I am writing to you today to tell you why, in its current form, **I oppose this project and invite you to join me by signing my petition to block the GLBR.**

Over the last several weeks, I have attended public hearings on this issue and spoken to farmers, workers, residents, school officials, and community leaders. Their message is clear: we cannot allow this privately-owned corporation to impose this rail line on our communities.

I am committed to investing in infrastructure and economic development in our area, and I do not believe that GLBR would bring the long-term, far-reaching economic boost that our area deserves. **GLBR is not the answer.** Instead, GLBR would devastate the strong agriculture economy that our farming families have spent generations building.

This is a federal matter, not a state matter, and so I am unable to take any votes to directly impact the outcome of this proposal. Instead, I will be doing everything I can as an elected official and a concerned citizen to urge federal officials to stop the GLBR. **On the other side of this letter is a petition that I am circulating to oppose the GLBR from coming to our communities.** Please join me in signing this petition and feel free to share it with friends, family, and neighbors. You can also sign the petition online at <http://goo.gl/1bS29n> or find it on my Facebook page. Additionally, I strongly encourage you to write to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) with your questions and comments. My family will be submitting a letter outlining some of our concerns and I also plan to present copies of my signed petitions to them as well. You can find the appropriate contact information for the STB and letter submission information at www.BlockGLBRailroad.com.

If you would like additional copies of the petition to share with neighbors, please contact me at my full-time constituent service office at 815-939-1983 or StateRepCloonen79@att.net.

Sincerely,

Kate Cloonen

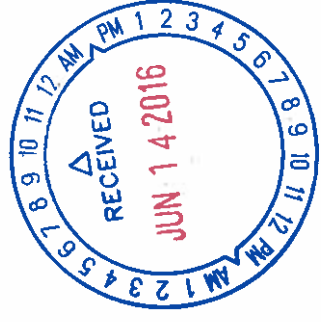
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