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RE: FD #35952 Great Lakes Basin Rail Line Project

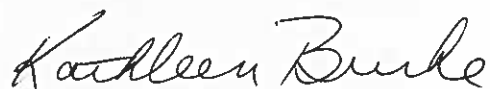
Dear Mr. Navecky,

Please do not let the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line project FD #35952 become approved. Rochelle, IL is a farming community. If this rail line ran through our area it would cut farms apart. It would make smaller fields out of big ones. Farmers would not have access to these smaller fields. Large farm equipment would not be usable in these cut up fields. Even if farmers did have access, more farming machinery would be forced to use major roads to get to these locked in fields. Country roads would be unusable. There would be more traffic of all kinds on the major roads.

Also, Rochelle, is located in a basin. It has always had problems with standing water and drainage. If this rail line is built and messes up the drainage tiles, we will have an even BIGGER problem.

I understand that one reason this project is being proposed is to cut down on the delays and congestion at the Chicago terminal. Please don't let Chicago's problem become Rochelle's problem. We have plenty of train delays and congestion of our own! Please stop this project from happening! Thank you.

Sincerely,



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