

To whom it may concern

It is within my concern that **Docket No. FD 35952**, or the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line Project, will negatively affect my property and the surrounding environment. I reside in Belvidere Illinois and this rail road will cut directly through the ten acres of property behind my home. This will greatly diminish the value of my home and property. Near the rear of the property there is a fully stocked pond; and with the rail cutting directly through the middle of my property my family and I stand to lose access to this important and sentimental piece of our property.

On top of the negative effects this will have on my family there is also a serious environmental concern to be had. The area on my property and in the surrounding area is largely wetland. This area is home to several diverse species of plants and animals. Including the bald eagle which has just begun to make its way back into Belvidere and the surrounding areas. This rail would have a horrendous effect on the effect on the reintroduction of the eagle but the entire ecosystem as a whole. Now on top of all of this we have lived on this property for 45 years, this land has flooded two or three times a year for almost every single one of those 45 years.

Sincerely, Sherrie Fassett