

ATTN: Dave Navecky -Docket No. FD35952
 Surface Transportation Board
 Office of Environmental Analysis
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Dear Mr. Navecky:

I would like to express my concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC rail line project. Docket # 35952. I oppose the project and ask the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal. My concerns are: There are at least 2 cemeteries and one large church in the 15,000 acres. Moving them would disturb and pollute a large area and air and destroying all the homes--a lot of them are older--would no doubt unleash a lot of asbestos. EPA would not be happy. Most of the underground drainage tiles, pipes and irrigation lines would be destroyed. Surface drainage as we have improved it and have it in good condition would be ruined. Surface water with diesel and chemical 'stuff' would likely follow the natural of the present drainage creeks, some of which were hand dug over 100 years ago and still do a good job. Would GLB last that long. Farms in the same family for 100 to 150 plus years would be destroyed--along with their families and livelihood. Do they go on welfare? Remember--NO FARM NO FOOD. Schools would be badly hurt--especially Grant Park. School bus routes much longer due to closed roads--More pollution wear and tear on the busses and much longer time on the bus for kids. More costs to run the busses. More danger, accidents etc. How would emergency vehicles get to accidents etc?? Are they equipped to handle all the various spills?? Diesel fumes from 100 trains a day--bad for people as well as livestock. How would nearby farmers get to fields that may have been chopped up by the rail?? A 1 mile trip could turn into 10 or more miles. More time on the road with slow moving equipment which in today's world is usually very large. More exposure to danger from careless drivers--believe me I have experienced a lot of it. They seldom use common sense. And more of it would be on busier roads and unfortunately state highways. More accidents, injuries and deaths. Mr. Patton's stories change and have too many discrepancies. Free electricity--for who?? Who would be left in the area?? \$20,000 per acre or the equivalent//RR Stock?? Plus building value--he says nothing on that. Drop in property value?? He says it would go up in value. We all know better. Who is behind this project?? Stop it now. Remember NO FARM NO FOOD. Too many tax dollars have already been wasted. We pay for the STB.

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