

NORMAN TOWNSHIP

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May 14, 2016

Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001
Docket NO FD - 35952

Dear [Recipient]:

I am sending you a signed copy of the Norman Township opposing the building of the Great Lakes Basin railroad system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arthur E. Kleinfeldt", written in a cursive style.

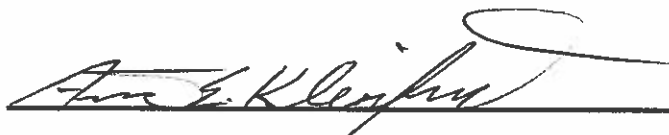
**Arthur E. Kleinfeldt
Supervisor**

At its May 9, 2016 meeting, the Norman Township (Grundy County, IL) Board of Trustees unanimously voted to oppose the building of the Great Lakes Basin railroad system. Norman Township would be greatly, and negatively, impacted by the construction of this line. Its effects on the agriculture of the township would be severely harmed by cutting diagonally through fields, damaging the drainage systems within those fields, and changing the flow of surface water during heavy rains. The general citizenry of the Township would be harmed by the proposed stubbing of Indian Trail Road, thereby potentially adding time to emergency responders such as police, fire, or ambulance.

Additionally, the proposed route cuts through the burial grounds of the Chief Shabbona reservation. This is land deeded to Chief Shabbona and his heirs in perpetuity in the northern part of the Township.

Also, changed traffic patterns caused by road closures would necessitate the upgrading of alternate routes, at a considerable cost to the Township.

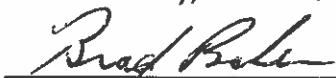
For these and other reasons, the undersigned elected officials of Norman Township vehemently oppose the construction of the railroad.



Arthur Kleinfeldt, Supervisor



Jamie Packley, Town Clerk



Brad Baker, Highway Commissioner



David Burkhardt, Trustee



Donald Severson, Trustee



David Sanner, Trustee



Bruce Baker, Trustee

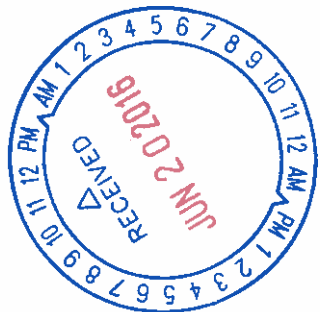
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