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Mr. Blodgett

My Name is Mark Shedd, I am a land-owner and farmer in the path of this proposed GLB railroad. This has me and my other farm neighbors worried and scared. We can not imagine farming near, along side of or crossing these tracks with farm equipment. This railine will hamper ~~our~~ ability to farm efficiently. Moving load after load of grain over these tracks out of the fields will be a nightmare and a dangerous one at that.

There are many things that trouble us about this railroad. The loss of thousands of acres of prime farm ground has us sick. Lower property values, houses along this route that were for sale have no buyer today. We have wonderful plentiful groundwater in this area any kind of derailment and spill could change that. Our wetlands and wildlife are wonderful this rail will plow right through those areas. This list could go on and on.

I understand that the public comment period was closed on July 15, 2016. It needs to be reopened for comments on this new proposed route to give us a voice.

There is no value to us by the building of this railroad. By what I understand the major railroads have little or no interest in this toll railroad line.

Therefore I hope the members of the Surface Transportation Board will adopt the no-build alternative

Sincerely

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