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To: Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Proposed Great Lakes Basin Rail Line

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To the members of the board, I would like to submit comments pertaining to the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line EIS.

The proposed rail line is a very bad idea for many, many reasons. The area is a pristine rural setting with extensive development in agriculture, rural homes, quiet country roads on which I bike over a thousand miles each summer and small communities. Some of the world's best crop land lies here. I road bike through fields of corn and soybeans, quietly rolling by cranes, geese, deer and other wildlife. It is a beautiful, clean, quiet farming community.

The proposed rail line would create pollution, noise, unsightly trains running through the countryside with tracks uncondusive to biking over. My bike rides would never be the same again.

The potential for spills exists increasing the potential for pollution and ground water contamination.

This project is for private financial gain and does nothing to better the community, occurring at the expense of our beautiful county countryside and rural life style. The residents of our county want this rail project stopped. We don't want this railroad cutting through our county and encourage each member of this board to deny the proposal.

Respectfully submitted

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