

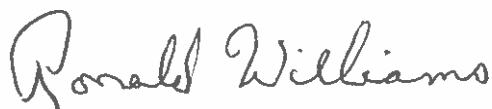
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Reference: Great Lakes Basin Railroad

Attn: Dave Navecky

I and my family reside in Belvidere, IL; Boone County. The Great Lakes Basin Railroad Project was totally unknown to the vast majority of the people being affected by its route. Even our county board was not aware of any details of this so called project. It is a total betrayal of the people affected! If it were to come into being it would destroy personal farms that have been operated by several generations of the family. Money can't buy or replace that. The environmental impact is beyond measure. The safety of running trains with hazardous materials aboard is like a ticking time bomb. The speeds and number of trains puts a huge burden on communities. The pollution is uncontrollable.

Frank Patton appears to have no feelings for the people's lives he is destroying. It's all about money. So far he has had very little resistance to his project. That is because he has been flying below the radar, with no direct contact with the areas and the people it affects. Well, this project is being brought into the light and people are very angry. They are bonding and they are willing to fight against it.



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