

June 6, 2016

Surface Transportation Board
395 E St. SW
Washington, D.C., 20423-0001

Docket No. FD-35952

Dear Mr. Dave Navecky,

The purposed Great Lakes Basin RR By-Pass (GLBRR) will remove over 15,000 acres of high production farm land. That would be 24 square miles of farms, homes and business. The homes and business would need to find other locations. If the business can't find suitable and affordable new locations they will go out of business which is lost tax revenue. **The 1,000 farmers CAN NOT relocate; we CAN NOT invent new farm land. That will mean lost FOOD production.**

Canadian National RR has a working By-Pass around Chicago, which it purchased from the Elgin, Joliet & Eastern RR. **To create a new by-pass within 20 miles of the current by-pass is a complete waste of money and resources.**

The current CN RR has crossings every mile the purposed RR would only have crossings every TWO miles creating the need for people to travel further using more gas/diesel which would have greater impact on the environment.

Three reasons for NOT allowing the GLBRR to proceed:

1. The loss of farm land and food production.
2. No need to DUPLICATE and existing by-pass.
3. People will have to travel further using more gas/diesel.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Sincerely,



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