

Surface Transportation Board

July 14, 2016

Re: Proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad

Docket # FD 35952

A proposed Great Lake Basin railroad route intersects the farmland I own in Vienna Township, Grundy County, IL; this is our family farm and I grew up nearby. I object to this railroad because: 1. GLB will take out of production acres and acres of is some of the best farmland in the world. This isn't the rocky, red, or sandy soil found in some other parts of America--this is rich, deep, black soil. 2. Environmentally, GLB will affect streams, waterways, and quality of life for animals and people in terms of water and waterways quality, erosion, disturbance and in terms of noise level and derailment. 3. Socially, as a cultural anthropologist my view is that, GLB will negatively impact the local communities via divisions caused by the route.

Sincerely,

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