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Victoria Rutson
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Re: Docket No. FD 35952, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.—Authority to Construct and Operate a Rail Line in Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin: Request for additional public comment due to GLBT's Response to Information Request #1

Dear Director Rutson:

I'm writing in response to a proposed route change submitted September 20, 2016 to the Surface Transportation Board by Great Lakes Basin Transportation. The new Preferred Route eliminates Boone County, Illinois, from consideration and instead would traverse Winnebago County, potentially affecting property owners I represent.

My concern is that property owners who may be impacted by the new route had no opportunity to provide public comment during the initial Scoping Process as the designated period for offering feedback had ended before the change in the Preferred Route was disclosed.

In the interests of transparency and fairness under the National Environmental Policy Act, I respectfully request that a new public comment period be set. Property owners previously not affected should have the same opportunity afforded to them for input on environmental, social and economic concerns as those who resided along the original route.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve Stadelman".

Steve Stadelman
State Senator, 34th District



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