

Dear Mr. Navecky,

Because the Surface Transportation Board has determined that today, July 15, 2016 is the final day we are allowed to submit our comments thereby silencing our voices, we will no longer be able to continue our research on the dangers we have learned about since April 11, 2016 when we attended our first Public Scoping Meeting in Manteno, Illinois and submit the results of that research to the STB. It seems unfair that the comment period is so short.

My husband is an elected official in West Creek Township, Lake County, Indiana and his office was not notified nor was he contacted at any time since the information was released. He represents the people of West Creek Township and hears their concerns. He was finally notified on March 22, 2016 by a County Council member.

My Husband also sits on the Advisory Committee to the Lake County Drainage Board where the seriously dangerous impact of the proposed rail line by GLBT has been addressed. Both the West Creek Township Trustee and Advisory Board and the Lake County Drainage Board and Advisory Board have submitted resolutions to your office opposing the GLBT project because of the harm this rail line would cause that would be irreparable.

We sincerely hope that this Surface Transportation Board takes these concerns seriously as well as all of the dangers that I have cited in numerous comments that I have submitted having researched the dangers of shipping volatile and explosive materials by rail. You hold the lives as well as the livelihoods of all of the people along the proposed 278 mile rail line. Something you should not take lightly. We believe that Frank Patton should not be rewarded and allowed to go forward with this project at the expense of so many people.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Patricia Mussman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patricia Mussman, Unincorporated West Creek Township