

To: Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
ATTN: Docket No. FD 35952
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

June 12, 2016

Dear Mr. Navecky,

The farm at 18608 Mississippi has been in the family for over a century. I lived at this address until my first husband passed away. Three years later I sold the house and 10.5 acres, keeping ½ acre to the south of the driveway in order to access my back fields. I currently own 60 acres of farmland that would be affected by this proposed Great Lakes Basin Rail Line. The proposed GLBR train route comes through my access easement field that butts up to Mississippi, which would result in cutting me off from approximately 40 acres of my back fields that are farmed. My aunt, Jane Erlandson who lives in Folsom, California owns the property to the south of the proposed rail line and the back field to the northwest of the proposed rail line. I also have fields northwest of the proposed rail line that lie directly behind the house I sold. The only access would be through the driveway of the house I sold, which is private property. In other words, I will have no way to access my fields to the northwest of the rail line.

I have property that will be split in half on the south side of Mississippi. The train would run right next to the Northern Indiana Public Service gas sub-station, and a pipe is also located in the field right next to the proposed tracks. I can't imagine this is safe!!

Mississippi south of Route 2 is a very rural area and my father-in-law, Bill Cope, lives just south of the proposed tracks. He is 82 years old and over the past few years has suffered heart issues and strokes. If the proposed 100+ a day trains run through there as planned by the developer, emergency services such as; fire, ambulance, police, couldn't get to my father-in-law, or any of the homes south of the proposed tracks. The trains poses huge safety issues in many ways.

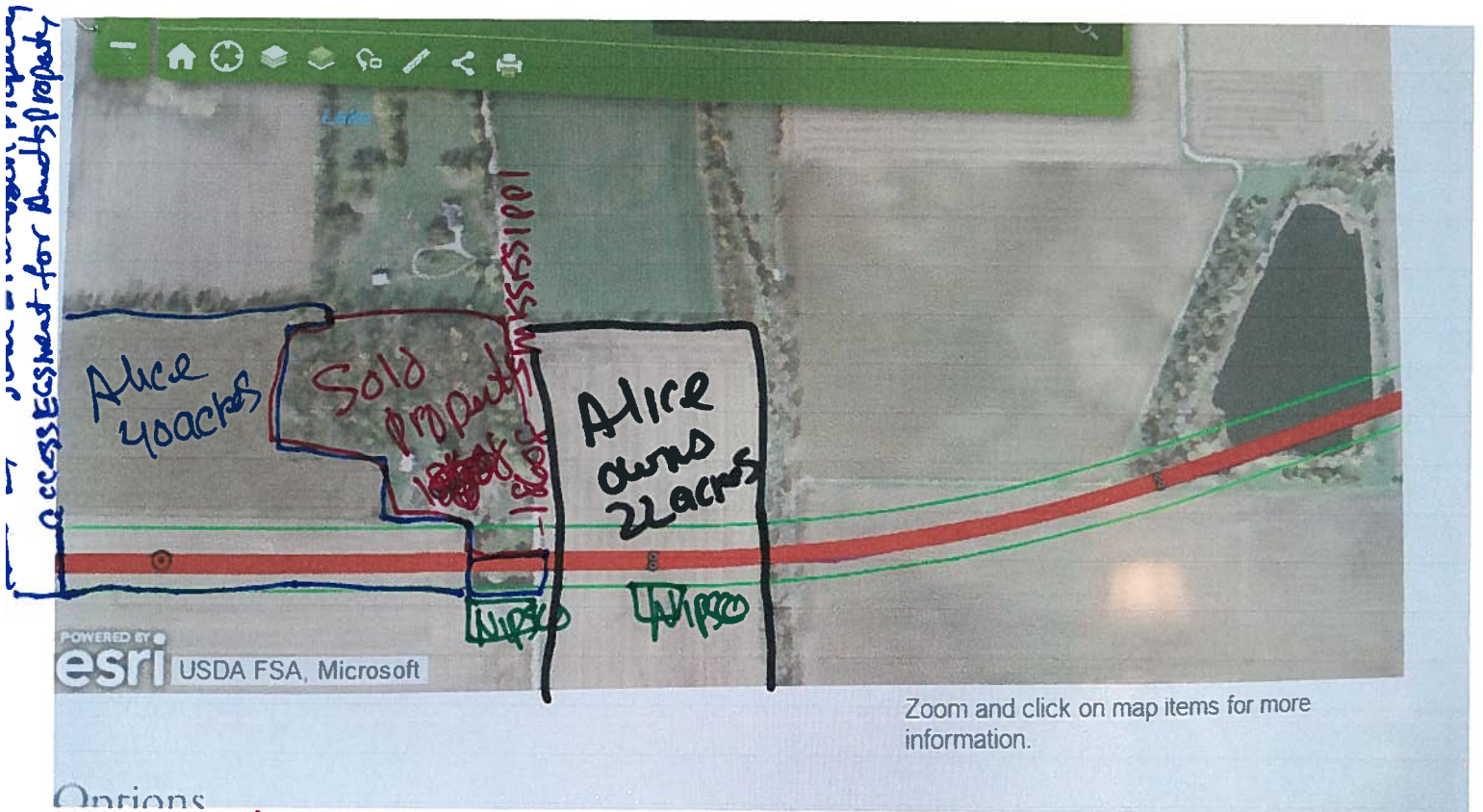
I implore you to consider all of the safety concerns, loss of farm field access, and lower property values that would occur if the GLBR train line is allowed to build. It seems completely unnecessary to upset and cause so many factors for so many people for something not needed.

I am also very upset that they can take my land for a pittance (according to eminent domain) if this proposal goes through. My great-grandparents, grandparents, and parents worked very hard to maintain and save the farm. I would hate to see their sacrifices not mean anything.

Thank you very much for considering my issues.

PS. I have enclosed photos of the proposed area in question.

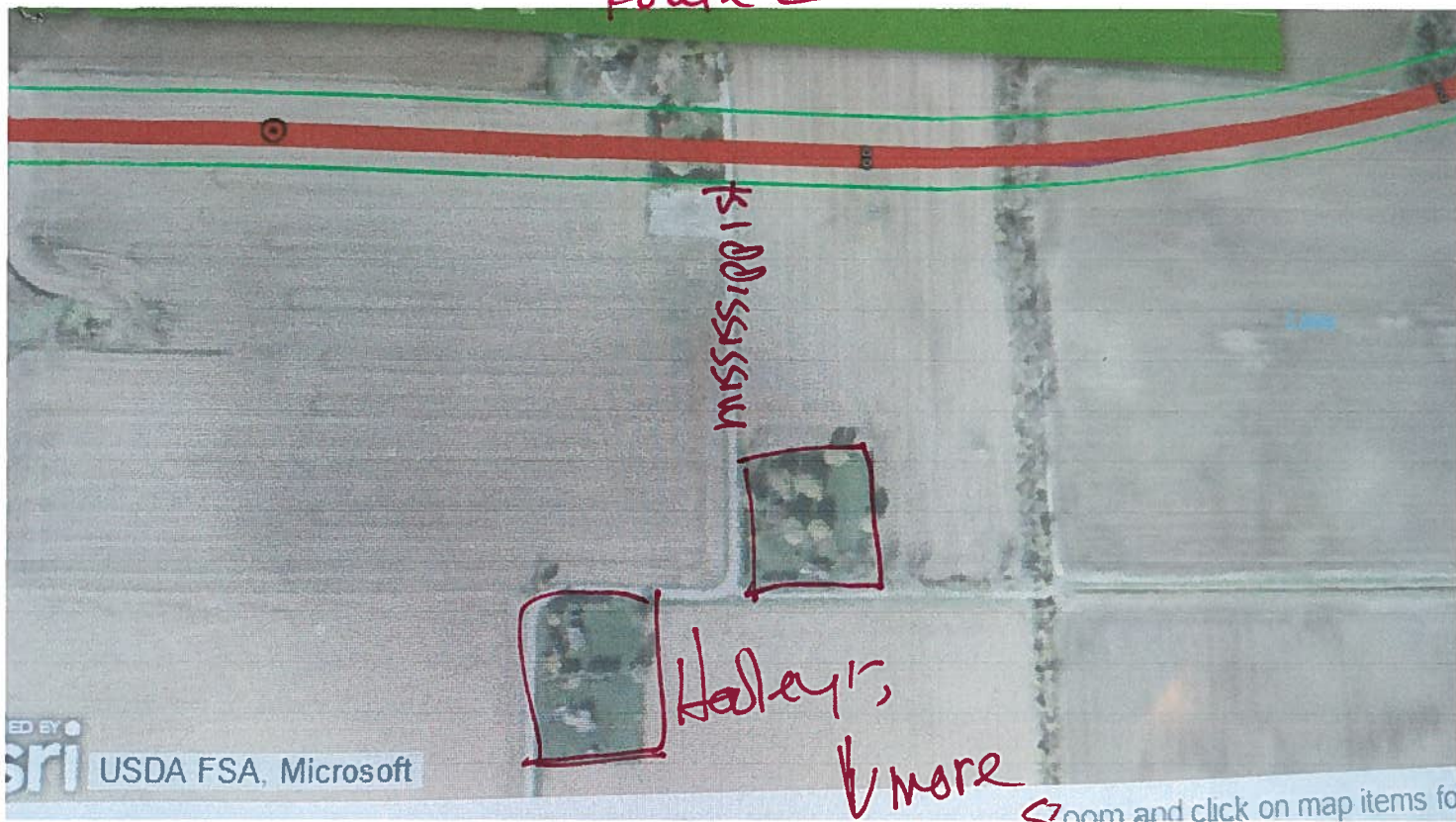
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- ☐ Alice Hunt - large access field - I won't have access + neither will my Aunt Erlandson if train goes through
- ☐ NIPSCO gas pipelines
- ☐ Sold property, in 2007 10.5 acres w/ house.

Router



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more Farms

□ Bill Cope 82 years old w
health issues

Concern Ambulance, Fire, Police

Can't get to these properties

If 100+ trains travel these
tracks Daily

and don't lounge

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