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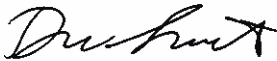
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To Whom It May Concern:

For THOUSANDS of years farming has been an important industry. Why? PEOPLE NEED FOOD! It is outrageous that a group of investors (most who want to hide their identity), want to take over farm land, destroy areas where people live, and play havoc on the environment. These billionaires just want land. It certainly cannot be for the railroad industry, an industry that won't last thousands of years. Remember productive agricultural land is a finite, irreplaceable natural resource. Agriculture is an industry that MUST be protected. It must not be destroyed by wealthy individuals who only want their fanciful, corrupt desires fulfilled.

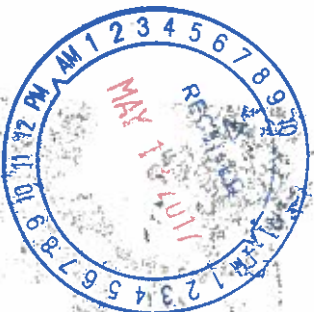
The area I live in, has deep rich top soil. It is a God-given asset that must be preserved. I strongly oppose Great Lakes Basin Railroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald Smith", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Donald Smith

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