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ATTN: Dave Navecky – Docket No. FD35952
Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Mr. Navecky:

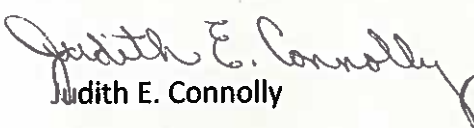
We would like to express our concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC rail line project. Docket # 35952. We oppose the project and ask the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal. Our concerns are:

1. Destruction of productive farmland when cooperation with other railroads (BNSF) and highway right-of-way (Rt. 39) should be considered,
2. Potential exposure to hazardous material from derailments,
3. Blocked crossings due to breakdown of trains, causing access delays to families for emergencies,
4. Cutting up of farms as Rt. 39 did when that road was constructed,
5. Not knowing proposed road closures, and more delays for emergencies could occur,
6. Environment changes that would last forever.

On a personal note, if alignment crosses Hayes Road between PawPaw Rd. and Rt. 39 in Lee County, northern Illinois, we will have the above concerns and more. Our home is next to Rt. 39, where Hayes Rd. is closed, and PawPaw Road. Numerous trains would make it impossible to get to or from our home.

Respectfully Submitted by


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