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Dear Public Official,

My family is opposed to the proposals presented to Winnebago County by the Great Lake Basin Transportation company. We are greatly concerned with the depreciation of our property values.

We are concerned for the farmers in our area losing property to eminent domain. It is alarming that these long time members of our community would have their jobs and livelihood disrupted. My son would personally be affected by this as the dairy farm that he works at would be affected being less than 5 miles from the proposed track location. I am worried in the event of an emergency our first responders are not educated or prepared for such disasters. Research shows many derailments and problems with chemical spills. The harmful chemicals being transported would affect the natural habitats that are currently in these areas. Environmentally, I am very concerned for the farms and nature in this area. It is disheartening that people have not been informed properly. These people whom have lived here and paid taxes will have their income and livelihood.

Sincerely concerned taxpayer and rural Winnebago County citizen,

Shonda
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