

June 13, 2016

Dear Surface Transportation Board:

I am against the Great Lakes Basin proposal of building railroads from Milton Wisconsin around Chicago to LaPorte County. The proposed path will cut through our farm and divide it into 2 small triangles. The farm is only 40 acres to start with and consists of 2 rectangular fields that are valuable farm fields. Each field would be so small it would be almost impossible to farm with large equipment. Also we would not be able to get from one side of our farm to the other without going back a mile and going around the mile sector on busy roads. The land would not be valuable for anything else since no one wants railroads in their back yard. This would decrease our income and our children's income for years to come. There surely is a better plan using and /or widening existing railroad tracks.

I know we are small in the scheme of things, but you will cause the same situation for others as you go through the countryside. May be following roads sides or boundary lines would be better than chopping fields. You need to consider each farm individually or not use at all.

Sincerely,

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