

ATTN: Dave Navecky -Docket No. FD35952
 Surface Transportation Board
 Office of Environmental Analysis
 395 E. Street SW
 Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky:

I would like to express my concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC rail line project. Docket # 35952. I oppose the project and ask the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal. My concerns are: Those that don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it, that's one of my concerns that this railroad be denied so we don't repeat it. America's first railroad (B&O) was massively subsidized by government funds, and its growth was not from B&O construction, but bought insolvent railroads. Historically, this is how almost everyone of today's railroads was constructed. One of the oldest financial scams in corporate history is promoting financing and then building railroads. The financiers made money up-front and got out of the business. The financial shenanigans used to swindle money from the project are legendary and represent how virtually all American railroads have been built. So we have to ask what is behind GLBT. We don't get the same reasoning from the promoters. There are many reasons to immediately deny GLBT's proposal. It lacks details and specificity for environmental analysis, is not a project that can be completed within applicable laws, cannot document a need, does not have the rail industry's support. It is being misrepresented as a bridge route and a shortline. It can't be both. STB now has no choice but to send this proposal back to Frank Patton with a request that he resubmit GLBT with detailed and accurate proposal that is submitted for a 6-month notification period. He is abusing the process at STB.

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