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Attn: Ken Blodgett, Surface Transportation Board

Docket # FD 35952

Dear Sir:

The proposed Great Lakes Basin railroad route is along our property line. Of course, I do not want the peace of our 100 plus year old family farm ruined with noise and possible pollution from this railroad project.

Farmland affected by this project is astonishing and NOT acceptable. Farmland is disappearing fast enough without a private company being given the power of eminent domain for their future profits. I see little benefit of this project for our area.

They will be crossing many of our roads including South Main/Route 2 and will cause unnecessary traffic flow problems. Road and river crossings this close to our airport could cause problems for future growth which would be financially beneficial to the area.

I have been told there are railroad lines built but not in use or minimal use at this time. These do run through the Chicago hub but it seems a smaller, closer route around Chicago would be a better idea.

Please take into consideration the number of residence against this project. A private company should not be allowed to disrupt so many lives and properties.

NO RAILROAD/NO EMINENT DOMAIN

Thank you for your consideration,

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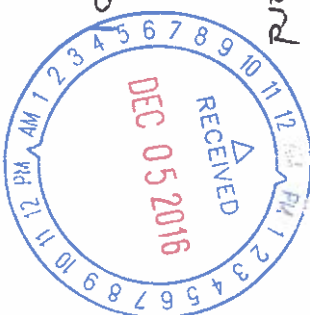
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