

Dear Mr. Navecky

We would like to express our concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC Rail Line Project; docket number FD 35952. We oppose the project and ask the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal.

Our concerns are the following:

This GLB Railway Line would affect the safety and well being of the people who live and work in the proposed project area. The stopping at railroad crossings of police, fire, ambulance, school buses and the general population travelling to work and other locations would be a major inconvenience, to say the least. There would be instances where lives would be lost due to longer travel times to various emergencies!

This part of the Midwest contains some of the most fertile soil in the world. The large easements the GLB railway wants will make thousands of acres of farmland and other land useless to the farmer and the residential and commercial owners in the proposed train route area. A toxic spill by a train travelling on this GLB Railway Line would result in permanent destruction of our soil and our water supply. Good clean water is absolutely necessary to sustaining life for everybody and everything! Also, some of these farm families have been farming these lands for 150 years or more. Their farming and livestock operations are their livelihood. As the world's population increases we will desperately need this rich farmland and livestock to feed people in the United States and around the world. No one can construct additional farmland to grow crops on or raise animals on. Therefore, we need to take care of the farmland we have!

We live in a rural area because we enjoy the peace and quiet. Train noise and vibration will affect our quality of life, the farmer's livestock and the native species of animals and birds that live in the area. It will lower the birthrate and reduce the overall health of these animals. This will cause a great income loss to the farmer and a loss to the people who enjoy the native wildlife. Also, railroad tracks crossing farmland would disrupt the farmers operation of their equipment by blocking their intended paths and making them travel long distances to get to another section of their fields. Vast areas of farmland would not even be planted due to the crossing of railroad tracks across farmland!

With all of the disruption that this railway will cause, owners of these lands will find their property values drop considerably! This will lower our tax base and basically destroy the quality of life for people who live in these areas. People will be forced to move, thereby greatly disrupting their lives and their futures. Also, taxes will increase due to having to maintain the railroad bridges and other railway infrastructure.

In closing, I would strongly suggest that the railroad companies and the GLB Railway investors look into improving the existing railroad lines instead of causing major problems for the people who live in the countryside. The taking of private property just to generate more corporate profit is just WRONG! This GLB Railway Project does everything to benefit the investors and the ultra wealthy and does absolutely nothing to benefit the people who live in areas of this proposed railway! This construction project is

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inconsistent with the public convenience and necessity! Therefore, we believe very strongly that the Surface Transportation Board must find this GLB Railway Project, docket number FD 35952, completely unnecessary and detrimental to the people of Illinois, Wisconsin and Indiana!

Thank you very much for taking the time to read our comments and concerns!

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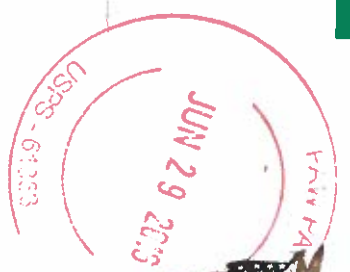
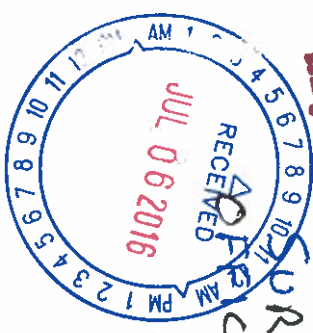


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