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DEAR MR. BLODGETT,

I AM WRITING TO YOU TO EXPRESS MY STRONG
OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED GREAT LAKES BASIN
RAILROAD. I LIVE 3/4 MILE FROM THE CURRENTLY
PROPOSED ROUTE.

WHEN RAILROADS WERE BUILT 125 YEARS AGO,
THE LANDSCAPE WAS MUCH MORE NATURAL THAN IT IS
TODAY. FARMING HAS BECOME A VERY HI-TECH OCCUPATION
THAT NO LONGER RESEMBLES RURAL LIVING AS IT WAS
YEARS AGO. FARMERS WORK THE LAND AND RAISE
ANIMALS OFTEN BECAUSE THEY ARE SEVERAL GENERATION
FARMERS.

A RAILROAD THROUGH ANY FARMING COMMUNITY
TODAY WOULD DEVASTATE YEARS OF PROGRESS MADE
IN THE CONTROL OF "ABOVE" AND "BELOW" GROUND
WATER FLOW. EROSION CONTROL WOULD BE
COMPROMISED. SECONDARY ROADS, LANES, AND
PATHWAYS USED BY FARMERS FOR TILLAGE, PLANTING,
AND HARVESTING EQUIPMENT MOVEMENT WOULD BE
CUT OFF. THIS, IN TURN WILL REQUIRE MANY MORE
MILES OF EQUIPMENT MOVEMENT, RESULTING IN HIGH
ADDED TIME AND EXPENSE TO THE FARMING OPERATION.

A PROJECT LIKE THIS RAILROAD IS NO LONGER
PRACTICAL IN THIS 3-STATE AREA; INDIANA, ILLINOIS, & WISCONSIN.

IF YOU WOULD, PLEASE TAKE A STAND NOW AND
OPPOSE THE GLBT RAILROAD PROJECT.

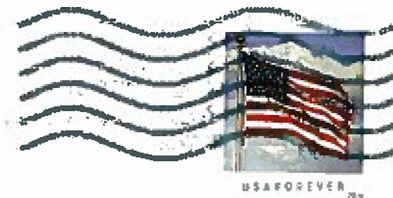
THANKYOU.

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