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Mr. Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. FD-35952
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Great Lakes Basin Railroad
Docket No. FD-35952

Dear Mr. Navecky:

I am writing in regards to the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad. I feel that this project will have a large negative effect on the county I live in, Grundy County, Illinois. Although the railroad is only set to pass through my neighbor's property, it will still be within a quarter-mile of my home and be visible from my backyard. I worry that the new railroad will reduce my property value and, though that concerns me, my bigger fear is that it will have a negative impact on our local elementary and middle schools. If the GLB Railroad reduces property values, what will be the impact on the amount of tax money our local schools receive? My children will begin attending school in a few short years and I feel fortunate that they have access to a great education system in our little town. I pray that, if this project goes through, the education of my children does not suffer. Please consider my concern when evaluating the Great Lakes Basin Railroad project. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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