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Mr. Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
395 E St. SW
Washington, DC
Docket No. 35952

Dear Mr. Navecky:

I am writing you to protest the impact of the Great Lakes Basin Railroad on the Kankakee River, the Kankakee River State Park, and the many and various Native American archaeological sites located in, or near the Kankakee River State Park and within 2 miles on either side of the length of the Kankakee and Illinois Rivers in Illinois and Indiana.

According to the June 4th Weekend Edition of the Kankakee Daily Journal, the entire length of the Kankakee River has been designated as a National Recreational Trail by the U.S. Dept. of the Interior as announced on Friday, June 3, 2016. As I understand it, the proposed GLBRR project will cross the Kankakee River East of the current Warner Bridge in Kankakee County, IL and will pass through the Kankakee River State Park, interfering with the Kankakee River National Recreational Trail, a State Park that is within easy travel distance for millions of people living in the Chicago area, and endangering numerous Native American Archaeological Sites located in and near the park.

Once again, this illustrates to me the total lack of concern for the welfare of the areas that the planners of the GLB RR project have given to this project. I believe that they are interested only in their welfare and the heck with everybody else.

I am strongly and adamantly opposed to this project and especially to its impact on the Kankakee River and the Kankakee River State Park.

Yours Truly,



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Dear Mr. Navecky:

I am writing you concerning the proposed lay-out of the Great Lakes Basin Railroad Project. As it is proposed at this time, the planners are projecting a 200 foot wide right of way, which will include two rail lines and some area (supposedly 50 feet) between the rail lines to locate pipelines and utility lines. While this sounds great at first glance, if it is built as planned it would be an ideal set-up for future terrorist attacks. Think about it....on opportunity to take out a major rail line connecting the rail traffic from both sides of the country, and who knows how much and what kind of pipe and utility lines. How are we going to watch over 278 miles of rail, pipe, and utility lines running through mostly rural land? I see this as a potential catastrophe waiting to happen.

It is another example of what I consider to be a very poorly planned project, which will result in lots of problems left to be resolved by the people who will have to live with this project on a daily basis.

I am strongly and adamantly opposed to this project and especially to its impact on the people who will have to live next to it.

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Dear Mr. Navecky:

I am writing to you with an idea to help the States, counties, and towns that will be impacted by the GLBRR Project if the project is allowed to be constructed. Donald Trump has recently said that if elected President, he would approve the construction of the Keystone Pipeline Project. However, he also said that to build this pipeline would require "eminent domain" and that the areas impacted should receive compensation in the form of a percentage of annual profits to help pay for the costs, or potential costs, associated with maintaining and "living" with this pipeline.

I am suggesting that if the GLBRR is approved that the owners of this project be required to pay the States, Counties, and Villages that the project runs through a percentage of the annual profits to help with the annual costs associated with having the project run through these jurisdictions. This way the people who will have to live with project on a daily basis will receive something for the problems this project will present to them.

I am strongly and adamantly opposed to the GLBRR proposal and I would prefer that the project NOT be built. However, if it is approved, this could be a way to cover annual costs that have NOT been addressed in the proposal.

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