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Dear Mr Navecky

I'm writing this letter as a concerned Citizen that is going to be impacted by the proposed GLBR RAIL PROJECT. I worked for Landmark Service Cooperatives as an animal Nutrition salesman. My job would become much harder if the proposed project is passed because it would decrease the number of livestock in the area and also affect the local farmers' buying power due to the loss of income because of loss and destruction of farm ground. Also such a project doesn't offer an economical gain to the area. In the long run it will cause less incomeless spending, decrease the tax base and in turn cause higher taxes. Personally I see no good in the proposed project and would not want this project going on my own farms or anywhere else. There are other ways to solve the rail road project in Chicago. These other alternatives need to be explored.

Here are my concerns and arguments against the project

The Union Pacific Railroad has no interest in the GLBR "WHY IS THE PROJECT CONTINUING

SAFETY CONCERNS WITH THE PROJECT:

More traffic accidents will occur because of increased rail traffic

Silent crossings with no horn will also cause more accidents, How will the motor vehicle traffic be warned if a train is coming?

Also increased response time to accidents, fires and other emergencies due to the presence of more rail road crossings

THE LOSS OF FARM GROUND DUE TO THE PROJECT

A general statement the GLBR PROPOSED PROJECT IS A TOTAL WASTE OF PRECIOUS FARM GROUND THAT CAN'T BE REPLACED OR MANUFACTURED

Due to increased world population such a project will happen the ability of the local farmers to produce food for projected increase world population

the land loss would also appear the livestock farmers in the area the ability to produce enough feed to feed their animals pasture ground also be lost

MOST OF FARM GROUND IN THE PROPOSED PROJECT AREA IS SOME OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE LAND IN THE WORLD

The land after completion of the project would be greatly reduced its ability to produce as much as it did in the past the soil being disturbed " subsoil on the top versus the fertilizer rich topsoil due to the project"

increased fertilizer costs

smaller fields would cause increased cost also

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

GLBR would cause the ecosystem for wildlife to be totally destroyed " WILDLIFE HABITAT "

Water quality concerns both surface and under ground, due to the risk the cargo being transported, in case of a spill

Air quality would also be affected due to the increase in greenhouse gases

Increased noise pollution would greatly affect our rural area

Construction of such a project would affect RURAL AMERICA IN GENERAL

Such a project would affect my job as an animal nutrition sales due to the decrease of livestock in such a project

In closing Thank You again for your time

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