

BOONE COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #1



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To: David Navecky
Surface Transportation Board

From: Boone County Fire protection District #1

Re: GLB Railroad

The board of Trustee's of Boone County Fire Protection District #1 are opposed to the GLB Railroad passing thorough our community . The proposed railroad line has brought to light many concerns that are going to impact the environment , economy and safety of our community. Some of our concerns are:

- Prime agricultural land , Family owned for generations taken out of production forever, due to the right of way and borrow pits.
- Rural schools, Busses and kids driving to school, crossing railroad tracks
- Townships trying to find in their budgets the money needed for the upkeep and maintenance of the overpasses.
- Driving conditions the overpasses creates.
- Response times to emergency incidents , delays due to a train.
- Multiple trips with Fire vehicles to large incidents, delays due to trains.
- Quiet trains, no horns. Gates at crossings not working due to electrical issues.
- Roads could be closed, causing much longer response times
- Minimal manning for a volunteer fire department, firefighters and equipment needed just for isolation and evacuations at an incident.
- Training and equipment cost needed for the fire Department

These are some of our concerns, and are not in favor of the GLB rail road in our community.

Respectfully,
Russell Meier, President
Carol Berglund, Secretary
John Cleland, treasurer
Greg Holmes, Chief
Boone County Fire Protection District #1
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