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ATTN: Dave Navecky – Docket No. FD 35952
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky:

We, the elected members of the Alto Township Board, Lee County, Illinois, join with other governmental bodies in opposition to the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad. Docket #35952. We do not feel that this project is in the best interests of our constituents.

Therefore, we respectfully ask that you deny the permit for construction of the Great Lakes Basin Railroad.

Thank you.

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE GREAT LAKES BASIN RAILROAD PROJECT

WHEREAS, Alto Township, Lee County, Illinois is opposed to the Great Lakes Basin Rail and Utility Corridor Project (Surface Transportation Board, Docket #35952) for the following reasons:

- A. The proposed improvements will result in response time delay in providing services within the Township.
- B. The voluminous crossings will certainly result in more accidents within the Township.
- C. The improvements contemplated will certainly result in the transportation of more inherently dangerous cargo through the Township.
- D. The contemplated high speed rail will certainly result in more derailments within the Township.
- E. The possible negative impact on the property values within the Township and on property tax revenue.
- F. The significant health and safety risks for the Township residents as they are forced to navigate around and through freight train traffic, furthermore, roads may be altered or closed, thereby affecting travel routes and times.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Alto Township, Lee County, Illinois, is opposed to the Great Lakes Basin Rail and Utility Corridor Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall send copies of this resolution to the Surface Transportation Board, and the Lee County Board.

Passed and approved this 8th day of June, 2016.

Ayes: Burkhart, Hopwood, Avela, Jarvestad, Herrmann

Nays: none

Absent: none

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