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to Mr. Dave Navecky,

I am writing this letter to express my concerns regarding the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad. I grew up on a farm that was affected by the construction of I-43. Even though I was very young, I saw first hand the effect that the loss of those acres due to the highway running through the farm had. I also saw the damage caused on other farms from the earth being moved for fill for that project. I can only imagine that the same thing will happen to other farms if this project is approved. Just recently I've farmed ground that was disturbed by the construction of an oil pipeline that runs through our communities. Several of our farms were affected by this pipeline. As the crops grew you could see the damage caused by the earth being moved as you looked across the field. You saw the damage again as you watched the yield monitors in the combines during harvest. You saw the damage yet again in the spring when you worked the ground because the drainage of the soil had been affected by the project. I am concerned about the loss of tax revenue on all of this property which could be ripped from its current owners. The loss of all the revenue generated from this land being taken out of production. The loss local businesses will have by not being able to

provide their services on these acres. I am concerned about what this could do to our property values. I am concerned about the safety of my friends and family because of possible longer response times from our emergency services. I'm sure you are aware of what each passing minute can do to reduce your chance of a complete recovery or in some cases your survival. Is this a risk you would wish on your family member? We will also see more farm equipment on our roadways because they may not be able to get from field to field any longer. Dead end roads could cause problems with the ease of snow removal. And finally I'm concerned about what this project could do to the peace and tranquility of our great community. I shouldn't have to be concerned about my view being ruined by this project, the silence of a relaxing evening ruined by trains roaring through. I am all for positive changes in our community, but as you can see, there are no positives in this project for our community.

Thank You,

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