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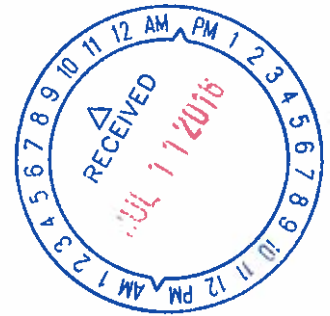


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JOHN M. CABELLO
STATE REPRESENTATIVE • 68TH DISTRICT



Surface Transportation Board
Docket No. FD 35952
395 E Street SW
Washington D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky:

As an elected official of Northwest Illinois, I would like to voice my opposition to the Great Lakes Basin Railroad. Several concerned constituents have contacted my office recently and as their elected official, my perspective reflects their concern. Please understand my apprehensions and I hope this letter proves useful to you in your deliberations.

This proposed railroad would interrupt unadulterated ecosystems in Kankakee River State Park. It is my understanding that the proposed route is not only directed through the park, but directed through the most scenic and untouched environments in the park. In my opinion, this railroad would devalue some of our state's most valuable natural assets and disrupt wildlife habitats.

In addition, the proposed railroad will affect family farms that have been here for generations. These farming families built our community and I have deep reservations that this proposal would adversely affect their way of life. These farmers settled here generations ago and I believe the justifications for this railroad are far less important than the traditions of some of our beloved residents.

For the reasons listed above, I ask that you consider revoking the waiver or taking no action. As an elected official, it is my duty to share the perspectives of the district and follow through on their will. As it stands, I believe the project will negatively affect our State Parks and the longstanding members of my community. As the proposal stands today, I cannot, in good conscience, support this railroad.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John M. Cabello".

John M. Cabello

State Representative of the 68th District of Illinois



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