

Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky:

I would like to express my concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC rail line project. Docket # 35952. I oppose the project and ask the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal. My concerns are:

Please see Attached letter of Concerns.

Respectfully Submitted by Printed name Joseph V. SANEK Signature Joseph V. SANEK
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- * There are risk factors associated with a privately funded company taking on this huge project
- * This is not a company with a proven track record building railroads
- * What happens if they run out of money
- * What happens if the company is not profitable
- * Future maintenance issues

13. CULTURAL and HISTORIC RESOURCES

14. AESTHETICS

15. ENVIROMENTAL JUSTICE

16. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

- * People in this township are living here because of the rural environment. Destroy that and people might be forced to go elsewhere
- * The forever destruction of valuable soils
- * Township roads will be altered or closed - a tremendous inconvenience
- * It degrades the rural nature of the historic countryside

ADDITIONAL ISSUES

- A. One of the main reasons that the Notice of Intent gives as the need for this is the congestion in the Chicago terminal. It says delays "can be up to 30 Hours." This line can decrease this to 8 hours.
- B. This new line merely allows the rail shippers to get their product to their destination quicker which results in more profit for the shipper. Since when can eminent domain (the taking of private property for public use) be used to generate more corporate profits?
- C. Suggest that the terminal allow Google to send in a team to determine how technology can be used to make the terminal more efficient. They are currently developing cars that drive themselves. Google is an organization that has concerns for the environment. They can help save preciously needed farm land and can help preserve the peace and tranquility of the country.
- D. The inefficiencies of the Chicago train terminal should not be solved by creating a problem in the countryside.
- E. The Notice of Intent states that "the Board must approve a construction request unless it finds that the construction is inconsistent with the public convenience and necessity." Convenience and necessity should be stressed in the issues

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Attn: Dave Navecky – Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr. Navecky:

We became farm owners in 1968. This was our dream. We were young and worked hard to eventually pay off our mortgage. Even though we do not live on the farm we have spent many hours taking care of the house, the Morton Buildings and the farm land through the years.

We have good tenants and we take pride in our farms appearance. The farm income is a big part of our retirement.

A few months ago our neighboring landowners called and informed us about the Great Lakes Basin Railroad purposed project. We were not aware of this project at all, our farm is in Rochelle, Illinois and we have since done some research regarding the purposed plan. We have been in touch with our farm manager (Hertz Farm Management) and we understand at this time the railroad would come through the middle of our property. This would make the house unlivable and unrentable due to noise and air pollution from trains passing close to the dwelling. The purposed rail line would greatly decrease the farming efficiency and rentability of the land as it would make for smaller parcels which are not conducive to today's and future farming equipment. Drainage would also be another concern. Our farm would not be desirable for a tenant.

Again our farm income is a big part of our current retirement and future income for us and our family. We are helping raise our 3 teenage/college age grandchildren. Our plan has been to help them get a college education without a loan.

My husband, Joe Sanek, has worked for Country Financial (Country Companies) an affiliate of The Farm Bureau for 35 years. He is now retired but a good number of his clients have been farmers. Through the years he has helped put their future and retirement plans in place. Our hopes are to pass this farm down to our daughter and grandchildren for their future.

Now our well made plans could all change along with many other farm owners.

Very disturbing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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