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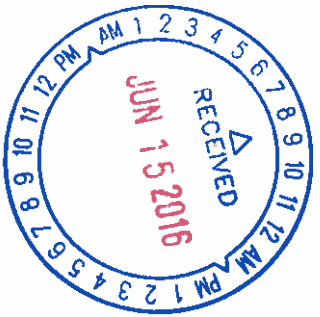
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I am opposed to the proposed Great Lakes Basin Rail Line for the following reasons:

1. 1% of the US population are farmers who feed the world.
2. Productive agricultural land is a finite and irreplaceable natural resource (each year more than 1 million acres are diverted to development). We do not need trains running through.
3. Farmland supports the economic base of many rural and suburban communities. No trains!!
4. Saving American farmland is a prudent investment in world food supply and economic opportunity. NO TRAINS PLEASE
5. Long range environmental benefits include wildlife habitat, clean air and water, flood control, ground water recharge and carbon sequestration. TRAINS WILL DESTROY
6. The proposed route of this project cuts through some of the most fertile and productive agricultural land in the world. NO TRAINS PLEASE.
7. A possible alternative – the B & O Railroad at Wheatfield.

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