

To whom it may concern:

(Docket #FD35952)

My husband and I are writing as a private citizen and a landowner in our local community to try and explain our concerns about what the Great Lakes Basin Railroad is proposing to do. This project would be devastating to our operation and to the surrounding farming community.

My husband was raised on his parent's farm and currently farming the land and running livestock on the farm. The proposed route will be land locking the property which would make it impossible to continue farming. We have numerous concerns from loss of revenue-property values-noise and visual appearance-disturbance to the wildlife (we currently have a bald eagle that sits on our barn roof every morning) tile damage-environmental issues. The route will be going through Little Indian Creek where there are established oak trees that are over 150 years old. We cannot imagine what affects this will have on this land that we have tried to preserve! Bottom line is we need to protect the soil, wildlife, the conservation of the farm ground. This beautiful land should be preserved!

My husband and I are also on a rural fire district board and there are numerous concerns that we have from that stand point also. The local fire departments would not have the equipment or the man power available to handle a derailment or such issues that may arise.

We are trying to do what is right and try to hold the family farm together this farm is more than land & crops it is our heritage & future!

Thank you for your time,

Sincerely

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