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Dave Navecky

Surface Transportation Board

ATTN: docket no. FD 35952

395 E. Street, SW

Washington, D.C. 201423-001

Dear Sir,

I am a homeowner affected by the proposed GLB rail line and am vehemently opposed to this rail line.

I retired from the Federal government; am formerly a Chicago resident, and moved to my quiet, serene country home on five acres several years before retirement planning for my ideal life in the country. My husband is handicapped and is in now in the early stages of dementia. My close friend, a widow, who has COPD, lives with us in clean country air.

I now raise and breed alpacas. I have a herd of 40+ alpacas, who also like a quiet lifestyle. I have a significant investment in my herd which will be disrupted by the noise, construction, environmental concerns, and **TOXIC** accident possibilities of this proposed rail line. The animals are sensitive to noises and will be greatly disturbed by the ground rattling under their hoofs. That will disrupt their breeding, ability to carry pregnancies full term, or worse yet lead to birth defects.

We have valuable farm land in this area and the proposal to steal and encroach on farm production is unconscionable. Farm land is a limited resource that should be protected. Our farmers provide contributions to our economy, conservation to the land they farm, and food for humans and animals. Keep the **TOXIC** trains away from our area. The railroad already has an established route that has served their purpose for many years.

I can't tolerate the ability of private investors to encroach and destroy value on our land, our neighbors land, that of my town, Grant Park and my neighboring town, Beecher. I understand that roads will be rerouted or dead ended, creating problems with my clients coming to my ranch for breeding and purchases. The GLB investors are not privileged to have the right of eminent domain, nor are they entitled profit from selling easement rights for land they have stolen from the homeowners.

I feel that the Supreme Court should be involved as it was in recent Jurisdiction Determinations of the Clean Water Act. While the case involved the Army Corps of Engineers, the key concern is the government's power to cast doubt on the full use and enjoyment of private property throughout the nation. The Surface Transportation Board should consider the impact of the PRIVATE rail line on our homes and lives. The Board is an arm of the government, hopefully to protect the citizen's rights against big private investors, who are only looking out for their own interests.

The fact that private investors can come in and destroy my life dreams, my neighbor's viable farm land, my local towns, and the environment with noise and pollution from TOXIC trains to save a short amount of time on routes already established to gain what?? A few dollars? Based on the cost of the project involved, it is doubtful that, as an accountant, the cost is not worth the return.

Please deny the route through our area for this project or better yet, cancel the project altogether as it is not viable, cost efficient, environmentally safe for the area, nor, hopefully government sanctioned.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Paca Park Place, Kathy Dummer

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Former IRS agent.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Dummer". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name and address.



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