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Rockford, IL 61107

April 17, 2017

Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
Docket No. FD 35952
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

To those making the determination about the Great Lakes Basic Railroad:

I am writing to ask you please to vote No to this project.

I have read articles and letters to the editor in our local newspaper and have spoken with a few people whose land and livelihood will be impacted.

There are many compelling arguments against the railroad, including what appears to be an illegal use of eminent domain – or at the very least, using it in ways other than what was intended; that fact that a number of wetlands will need to be filled in, disrupting those natural and necessary places; not to mention the potential disruption of traffic and accident dangers. Even the structure of a cemetery mausoleum is at risk due to the vibrations of the proposed train traffic.

The only advantage I've been able to discern is the possibility of profits for some already-wealthy investors – although one well-researched article argued that the potential profits are not as much as they seem to believe and perhaps almost nonexistent.

The whole thing reeks of a handful of bullies wishing to have their way no matter how many people and how much creation is harmed, now and in the future.

Please note that the governmental entities along the route have listened to the projected pros and the most-certain cons and do not approve the project.

Please approach this responsibly and vote No.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amanda Hudson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Amanda Hudson



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