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June 6, 2016

Mr. Dave Navecky
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Dear Sir:

This letter is in concern for Docket No. FD-35952 - Great Lakes Basin Rail.

We, the members of the Cemetery Board of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Grant Park, IL, are writing about our very deep concern for the Heusing Cemetery located at 10753 N. 10000 E. Rd. in Sumner Township in Grant Park, Illinois. The cemetery belongs to the members of St. Peter's United Church of Christ. There are approximately 554 people buried there. Within the five and a half acres of the cemetery, another 275 will be buried because of the family plots that have been purchased and set aside. The oldest burial on record dates back to 1870. Some are older however, the stones are written in German and are unable to be read. Several burials have dated back to the Civil War.

The placement of the railway will impact the existing land around the cemetery and its use for a final resting place for our members.

It will also impact the water runoff when bulldozers move the earth around the cemetery for the rail yard.

The safety of families in getting to the final burial area for their family members is in question.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter of grave concern to the St. Peter's United Church of Christ members in visiting their family members already at rest.

This letter is being sent in unanimous opposition by the members of the Cemetery Board.

Respectfully,

The Cemetery Board of St. Peter's United Church of Christ:

Ron Claussen - President

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Gracie Allen; 20th century American comedian

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