

# Illinois Beef Association

*Representing Cattlemen. Driving Beef Demand.*

October 6, 2016

Director Victoria Rutson  
Office of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street SW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

## **Docket No. FD 35952 – Request for Additional Public Comment**

This communication from the Illinois Beef Association (IBA) is a follow up to our May 17, 2016 letter to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) on behalf of our members in the Illinois path of the proposed Great Lake Basin Transportation, Inc (GLBT) rail line in Kankakee, Grundy, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Winnebago, and Boone Counties.

Our concern today is the September 20, 2016 letter addressed to you from GLB President & CEO James T. Wilson in which a response is offered to the STB Information Request #1. It's in this response that GLBT submits a new preferred route which is 20 miles shorter than previously proposed and now does not include property in Boone County, Illinois.

Because different landowners are now impacted by GLBT's new preferred route, IBA requests that those citizens and their neighbors be allowed a public comment period of at least 60 days to respond to GLBT's response to STB Information Request #1.

Sincerely,



Mike Martz  
Illinois Beef Association President  
DeKalb, IL

Cc: Senator Dick Durbin  
Senator Mark Kirk  
Congresswoman Cheri Bustos  
Congressman Adam Kinzinger  
Congresswoman Robin Kelly



2060 West Iles Avenue, Suite B . Springfield, IL 62704  
(217) 787-4280 . [www.illinoisbeef.com](http://www.illinoisbeef.com) . FAX (217) 793-3605