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Dave Navecky  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001  
Docket FD 35952

Re: Bypassing Chicago

Dear Mr. Navecky,

The railroad bypass around Chicagoland is sorely needed. I commend you for taking prompt action on this matter.

My question is: Have you considered all options? Before WW II and during WW II, the NYC R.R. had a bypass from South Bend, IN down and around that led to Kankakee, IL and points west. It went through North Judson, Wheatfield and De Motte, IN, to name a few towns. It was the only bypass around Chicago and was traveled heavily, especially during WW II (a train about every hour). The right-of-way was abandoned from South Bend to Wheatfield but it is still being used extensively from Wheatfield west, into Illinois, by coal trains. I'm sure the towns that once were served by the NYC R.R. would welcome your plan, which could help to revitalize these communities.

Your thoughts on this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

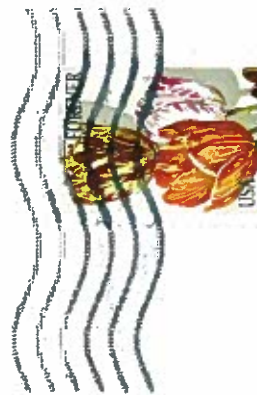
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