

April 14, 2016

Surface Transportation Board  
395 E. Street SW  
Washington DC 20423-0001

Attn: Dave Navecky  
Re: Docket NO FD 35952

I am writing this in an attempt to dissuade the Surface Transportation Board from approving the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line proposal (Docket NO FD 35952).

I recognize the importance of moving energy through-out the country, and understand that congestion affects the movement of goods. However, I am very concerned about the following:

1...the hazardous materials being carried by deteriorating tank cars traveling at high rates of speed throughout the small, rural areas of Clinton, WI. (Note: recent Burlington Santa Fe disaster along the West side of Wisconsin which occurred last week)

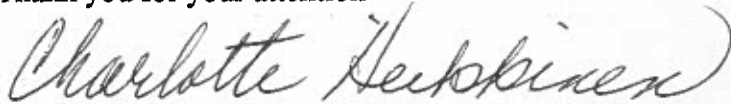
2...the fire and EMS volunteer services are inadequately staffed if and when an emergency occurs in this rural area and response times are greatly slowed because of the constant flow of trains at crossings.

3... the encroachment of track(s) on the Emerald Grove cemetery land plus the disruption of services at this active rural congregation located at Emerald Grove on US Highway 14.

4... the harm to roadways in the Bradford township due to heavy equipment driving on the town roads with no adequate compensation for repair and upkeep.

**Addendum:** When US Highway 43 went through my parents farm in the 70's, just north of Clinton, access to land locked acreage and dairy cow access was guaranteed. The scenario ended with farm equipment and livestock having to be moved over state roads and town roads to obtain access to over 90 acres of farmland....with no compensation.

Thank you for your attention



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