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GREAT LAKES BASIN TRANSPORTATION, INC—AUTHORITY TO CONSTRUCT AND
OPERATE A RAIL LINE IN INDIANA, ILLINOIS, AND WISCONSIN

Dear Mr. Navecky, please use this email as a record of my opposition to the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad based on the following environmental concern.

I am located in Manteno, IL and the proposed railroad will cause a major disruption to drainage in many areas. I can give you one specific example. I owned property on the east side along the Illinois Route 50 and CN railroad north of Manteno for 25 years. This is between post 67 and 68 on the GLB satellite map. On the west side of the CN tracks is well over 200 acres of sloping farmland. This slope is drained through ONE (1) 30" tile/culvert under the CN rail tracks. Over the years of neglect by the Illinois Central and the CN this farmland has built up such a silt barrier that when we get any substantial rain (1-2") the 200 acres comes right thru this small culvert like a torrent and floods my property on the east side of the tracks.

The reason I bring this up is that is the exact location of the proposed westerly exit route of the 15,000 acre rail yard proposed between Manteno and Grant Park. The fly-over at this location will take up to a square mile of land to go over IL Route 50 and the CN railroad. This will cause this area to become a quagmire of water and wetlands as there will be no where to drain this water from the west side of the CN.

I am opposed to the GLB plan and I would hope you and the STB would vote against it.

Thank you.

Regards

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