

9200 S. U.S. Hwy 66
Gardner IL 68424
May 14, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr Navecky,

I ask you Vote AGAINST Docket No.
FD35952.

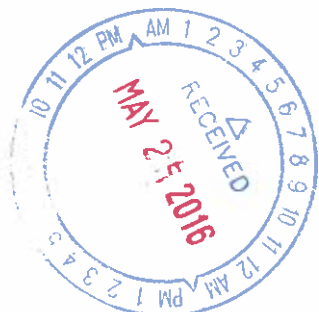
When the proposed GLB Rail line comes
thru Grundy County there are planned
road closures requiring farmers to travel
miles extra to reach their nearby fields.
This will require not only extra time but also
extra fuel expense for them.

For this reason I am firmly
AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.

Sincerely

Kenneth McCormick

 **McCormick**
9200 S US Highway 66
Gardner, IL 60424-6103



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May 17, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD 35952

Dear Mr. Nawicky,

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No. FD 35952.

In Grundy County many of the Country roads will be closed as the proposed GLB Rail line crosses many miles of farm lands. If emergency help is needed in the Country the emergency crew would be delayed causing a possible death due to these closed roads.

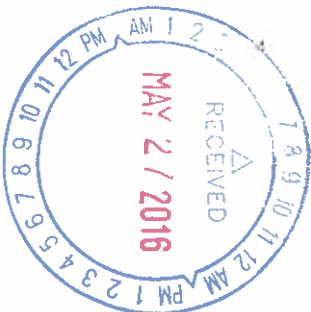
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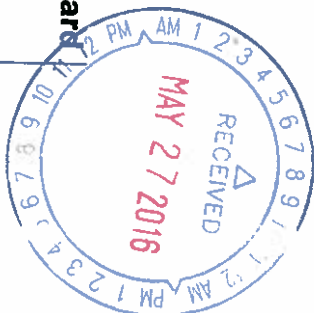
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9200 S. US Hwy 66
Gardner IL 60924
May 18, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD 35952

Dear Mr. Noveckey,

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No. FD 35952.

My home in Grundy County is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the proposed G L B Rail line. As many planned trains pass my home they will be sounding their horn as they cross a very heavy traveled Country road — a definite noise pollution for me and my family.

I ask you Vote AGAINST Docket No. FD 35952.

Sincerely

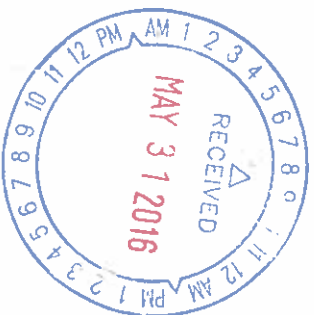
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May 19, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr Navecky,

I ask you **VOTE AGAINST Docket**
No. FD35952.

My concern is the blocking of drainage
tile lines as the GLB Rail line goes
thru Grundy County. These tile lines were
designed to drain our prime farm land.
No promised new installed tile lines will
drain our soil as well as our ~~existing~~
tile lines are doing.

For this reason I am **firmly**
AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.

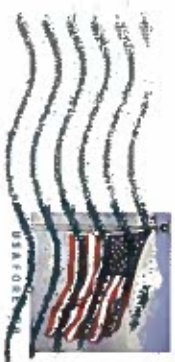
Sincerely

Kenneth McCormick

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9200 S.U.S., Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
May 20, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr. Narecky,

I ask you VOTE AGAINST Docket
No. FD35952.

My home is located less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the proposed GLB Rail line as it passes thru Grundy County. My concern is the unkempt easement land along the track developing invasive weed plants which will spread on my land causing the use of more weed killing herbicides.

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No FD35952

Sincerely,

Kenneth McCormick



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9200 S. U.S. Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
May 22, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD 35952

Dear Mr Navecky,

I ask you VOTE AGAINST Docket No. FD 35952.

My concern is the Compaction of our prime farm land in Grundy County as the proposed GLB Rail line is being constructed. The heavy equipment will cause compaction that no amount of cultivating by the farmer can ever reverse.

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No. FD 35952.

Sincerely

Kenneth McCormick

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Gardner, IL 60424



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9200 S. U.S Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
May 23, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr. Narecky,

I ask you VOTE AGAINST Docket No. FD35952

My home is less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from where the proposed GLB Rail line will intersect with a major rail line. If a derailment should take place at this intersection — any dangerous chemical odors would drift right into my home.

I definitely am firmly AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.

Sincerely

Kenneth McCormick

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9200 S. US Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
May 24, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952.

Dear Nawrocky,

I ask you VOTE AGAINST Docket
No. FD35952.

Most of the fields around my home are a square shape - making it easier for the farmer to plant and harvest their crops with less expense. But that will change when the proposed GLB Rail line passes thru Grundy County. Then the costs will rise for the farmer due to more trips over the smaller fields to plant and harvest the crops.

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No.
FD35952.

Sincerely

Kenneth McCormick

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9200 S. U.S. Hwy 66
Garden, IL 60424
May 25, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr. Harecky,

I ask you **VOTE AGAINST** Docket
No. **FD35952**.

I am concerned with much noise
contamination as the proposed GLB Rail line
trains intersect less than 1/4 mile with a
major rail line from my home in Grundy
County. The noise of their horns blowing
will be like they are coming right thru
my home.

I am firmly **AGAINST** Docket
No. **FD35952**.

Sincerely

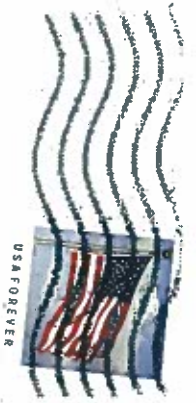
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9200 S. U.S. Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
May 26, 2016

Subject: Docket no. FD35952

Dear Mr. Narecky,

I ask you **Vote AGAINST Docket
No. FD35952.**

As is most school systems in our state and in Grundy County are stressed for funds — we are now faced with the proposed ALB Rail line going thru our County. We are going to have many of the County roads closed which will require many extra miles that our school buses will have to travel to pick up our students — an additional expense for our stressed school system.

I am firmly **AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.**

Sincerely,

Kenneth McCormick

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9200 S. U.S Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
May 27, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD 35952.

Dear Mr Narecky,

I ask you **VOTE AGAINST Docket**
No. FD 35952,

We have prime farm land here in Grundy County. When the proposed G-L-B Rail line is constructed, there will be much compaction of our farm land by your heavy construction equipment. No amount of cultivating of the land can return this farmland to its original condition.

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No.
FD 35952.

Sincerely

Kenneth McCormick

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92008. U.S. Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
May 30, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr Navecky,

I ask you Vote AGAINST Docket
No. FD35952.

I live in Grundy County less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile
from where the proposed GLB Rail line will
intersect with another major Rail line. It
is my family's and my concern of what or
any precautions will be taken against
a derailment at this intersection of rail
lines.

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No.
FD35952.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Mc Cormick

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9200 S. U.S. Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
May 31, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr. Navecky,

I ask you **Vote AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.**

Living in Grundy County with its prime farm land I am concerned as the proposed GLB Rail line crosses our farm fields. Now most farmers have nice size fields but when the rail line crosses the fields - these smaller fields will result in much soil compaction as the farmers work these fields.

I am firmly **AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.**

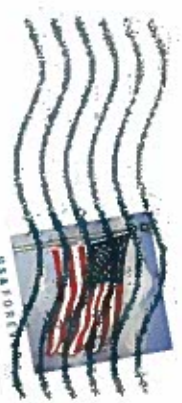
Sincerely

Kenneth McCormick

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9200 S. V.S. Hwy 66
Gardner 265424
June 1, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr. Nerveck,

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.

As the proposed GLB Rail line crosses the farm fields here in Grundy County — changes will be made as to the way the field tiles drain our prime farm land. Unfortunately the blocked and changed drainage tile lines will allow flooding in many low spots in our fields.

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.

Sincerely

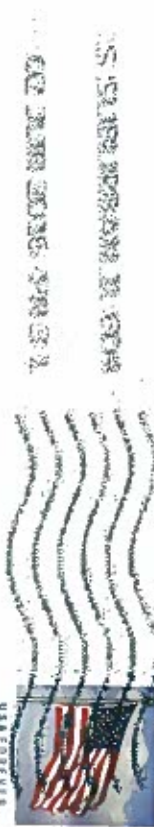
Kenneth McCormick

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Gardner, IL 60424



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92008, U.S. Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
June 2, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr Navecky,

I ask you VOTE AGAINST Docket
No. FD35952.

It is recorded that the proposed GLB
Rail line will take out 755 acres of
prime farm land as it passes thru Grundy
County. When our world is in dire need
of the corn and soya beans that could
be produced on this land there is a loss
not only our needy world but also income
for our farm families.

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No.
FD35952.

Sincerely

Kenneth McCormick

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9200 S. U.S. Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
June 3, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr. Navecky,

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.

My lane leading to the main road will be blocked when the proposed GLB Rail line passes thru Grundy County. When a new lane is made for me - it will be longer and require more upkeep expense and also a big concern is more snow blockage in the winter time

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.

Sincerely

Kenneth McCormick

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Gardner, IL 60424

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9200 S. U.S. Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
June 5, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr Narecky,

I ask you **Vote AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.**

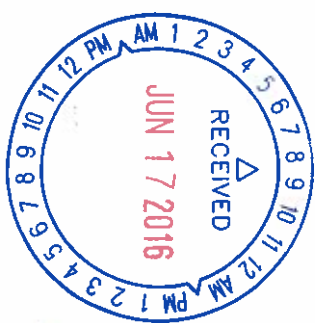
When the proposed GLB Rail line travels
thru Grundy County's prime farm land the
many planned trains will be transporting
oil and other dangerous chemicals. My
concern is a derailment of such a train
causing contamination of the soil for many
years to come.

I am firmly **AGAINST Docket No.**
FD35952.

Sincerely,

Kenneth McCormick

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9200 S U.S. Hwy. 66
Gardner, IL 60424



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9200 S. US Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
June 6, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD 35952

Dear Mr. Navackay

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No. FD35952

In Grundy County many country roads will be closed as the QEB Rail line crosses thru our county. These closures will not only raise safety issues in cases of an emergency, it will also be a hardship to the farmer as they have to travel many extra miles to get their crops to market.

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No. FD35952.

Sincerely

Kenneth McCormick

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Gardner, IL 60424



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92008. U.S. Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
June 7, 2016

Subject: Docket No. F D 35 952

Dear Mr. Narecky,

I ask you Vote AGAINST Docket No. Fd 35952.

As the proposed GLB Rail line crosses Grundy County the mainly larger fields will be crossed making odd shaped fields for the farmers to plant and harvest. As they make all the extra turns in these odd shaped fields - much compaction of this prime farm land will take place.

I am firmly AGAINST Docket No. F D 35 952.

Sincerely,

Kenneth McCarrick

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Gardner, IL 60424



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9200 S. U.S. Hwy 66
Gardner, IL 60424
June 8, 2016

Subject: Docket No. FD35952

Dear Mr. Narecky,

I ask you **VOTE AGAINST** Docket No. FD35952

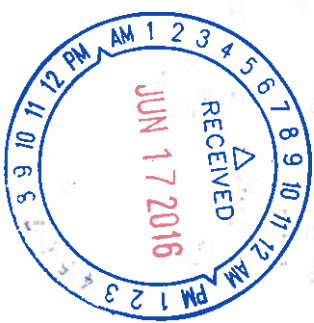
My home is located less than $\frac{1}{4}$ mile from the proposed A-L-B Rail line which intersects with another major Rail line as it goes thru Grundy County. What if there is a derailment at this intersection the possibility of toxic fumes from a derailment will come into my home endangering my family

I am firmly **AGAINST** Docket No. FD35952.

Sincerely,

Kenneth McCormick

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92008. U. S. Hwy 66
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Subject: Docket No. FD35952.

Dear Mr Nawesky,

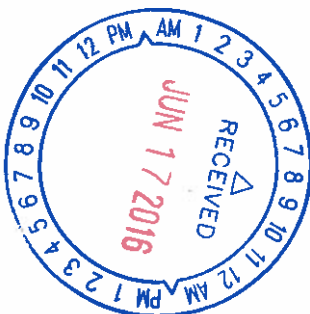
I ask you **VOTE AGAINST Docket No FD35952.**

We farmers here in Grundy County have had properly installed field tile to drain our fields low spots. This will change when the proposed GLB Rail line crosses our county. They will change and block many of the field tile lines so proper drainage will not take place leading to yield losses for us farmers.

I am firmly **AGAINST Docket No FD35952.**

Sincerely

Kenneth McCormick



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PUBLIC CONVENIENCE

- I find no evidence that the proposed GLB Chicago bypass has been identified as a solution to the Chicago bottleneck, a public convenience, or a national transportation priority (as Mr. Patton asserts). It is a business proposal by a for-profit company.
- Due to the fact that the route of the proposed rail will likely change (Mr. Patton's words) people in an area of over 32,220 square miles have lived in uncertainty about the future of their homes, farms and livelihood.
- The potential for unwanted rail - and the use of eminent domain - has increased stress for land and property owners.
- Farm fields divided by the proposed rail will be more difficult and dangerous (due to farm field crossings) to manage. Productivity of the land will decrease due to construction of the rail, odd shaped parcels and increased compaction. Costly irrigation and tiling infrastructure will be damaged and rendered useless.
- Government has spend millions of tax dollars preserving farmland, woodlands and promoting good agricultural practices. Farmers spend thousands of dollars on soil conservation practices. The proposed rail line is counter-productive to these efforts.
- Home and land owners near the proposed rail will see their home and land values reduced.
- GLB intends to be a toll railroad. Investors in this proposed project will have only their own financial interest in mind, not the public convenience.
- Opposition to the proposed project has been overwhelming, seven of eleven counties involved have passed resolutions opposing the GLB rail. Mr. Patton has stated that he will take land by eminent domain if the proposed project is approved.
- The loss of thousands of acres of prime farmland cannot possibly be considered a public convenience. Taking highly productive land out of production for a speculative for-profit project is not in the publics' best interest

The above provided information is what led me to the conclusion that the proposed GLB project is inconsistent with the public convenience and necessity. It was insufficiently vetted before starting the approval process. I respectfully request that the STB cease work on this project. Individually, or as part of a group, I will fight the GLB proposed plan using all options available, including Congress, my vote at the ballot box and the judicial system.

Signature *Kenneth E. McCormick*

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City *GARDNER*

State and Zip *IL 60424*

Phone *815-237-8844*

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