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I know about everyone in this room wants this nighmear over
 And they have much happier things they would like to be doing
 But because chicago worked them selves into corner now we are being threatened
 Tonight we stand united asking to be heard by you the Surface Transportation Board
 BY A SHOW OF HANDS

how many of you have feilds that will be cut into too small of pieces some too small to be farmed by your
 equipment or with the hills it will only be worked in the wrong direction causing it to wash out.

How many are consearned because the drainage of your field after the train is there will cause it to damn
 and not drain properly or your drainage tile or brooks will be effected negatively

how many have livestock and youll be loosing pastures or your barnyards are too close to the perposed
 tracks

How many are worried the crossings to the other section of your fields will be dangerous and life threatning
 because of raised beds and possable shanks of equipment catching and the time to get across when the
 trains are perposed to come every 13 mins with gearing of equipment and lenght of equipment unable to
 get out of the way in time

How many commute to work and you will be effected by one or more crossing

How many are worried about the closings of roads and the time for emergancy responce times if closed or if
 a train is comming

How many are worried about your children riding a buss that would cross a crossing or more than one
 crossing if its traveling at 70 mph knowing the buss is at a dead stop it has to gear up to get across the
 tracks and if there are 110 trains a day that would be one every 13 minutes.

How many of you are worried about the value of your land or home and or farm going down (farmers need
 the value where its at for operating loans if it goes down so does the operating loan.

How many are worried about the wildlife that will be hit by the trains or spooked away by it

How many are worried about the persuit of happyness with pease and quite being taken away

In the video Frank Patton also mentions power lines and a pipeline goined in this 200 foot right of way
 if you are apposed to these also please give a show of hands .

How many of you feel a good alternative would be for the tracks that are in place already or abandoned
 already to be repaired and put to use striking a deal with the owner of said tracks In shares if they pay to
 repair them instead, and if they arent fit to go 70 mph than the train should just go slower or rebuild the
 tracks
 if they need to go around Chicago building a new track will cause more conjection no matter where you put
 it any where near Chicago.

Well I hope I helped your and my consearns be heard tonight
 thank you

(Looking at STBBoard) please before pick up that pen and put it to the paper remember all these hands up
 asking for there voices to be heard by there show of hands. And at every STB meeting know those farmers
 feel the same

Remember we count just as much as chicago...actually has chicago stood up and asked for it

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