

APRIL 22, 2016
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Mr. Dave Navecky
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

DEAR MR. NAVECKY,

I am very concerned about Docket No. FD 35952, the proposed Great Lakes Basin Rail that would cut across Wisconsin and Illinois. I live in Janesville, Wisconsin near the proposed rail line. I grew up in rural Rock County in prime farm country. It would be a shame to allow this project to criss-cross over the farms in the area. This is the best farmland in the United States. There is so little farmland left in our country, we need to preserve what is left, or we will suffer the consequences later.

There are other rail lines and/or transportation routes that could be utilized in order to improve the Chicago congestion. Please don't take away our beloved Wisconsin farmland.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lauren Birkholz". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Lauren Birkholz

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