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I am opposed to the proposed GLBT railroad, because it could end up being built very close to where I live, possibly within sight and earshot of my home. My fear is that such a railroad and the chaos that it would bring in noise, traffic, pollution and potentially hazardous situations would drive down property values for my home and surrounding properties. We purchased this home 3 years ago because we wanted a quiet, rural lifestyle, with easy access to both the city of Rockford, and our children's school district, in the village of Winnebago. We named our property Windy Acres. Its a beautiful piece of land on 4 very peaceful acres, and we'd like to keep it that way. We don't want to look at and hear freight trains all day and night. We want to hear frogs, and birds...not train whistles. We want to be able to visit our neighboring communities without traveling miles and miles to get around the railroad. A railroad such as that proposed by GLB will do nothing to enhance our life, our property value or our environment. Until someone can convince me that it is being built for the good of everyone in our area, I cannot support it.

I demand that the Motion for Protective Order be denied. Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

Lee R. Smith