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DEAR MR. NAVECKY,

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY DISAPPROVAL  
OF A NEW RAIL LINE BEING PROPOSED BY  
GREAT LAKES BASIN TRANSPORTATION, INC. (GLBT).

WHEN RAILROADS WERE BUILT 125 TO 150 YEARS  
AGO THE POPULATION WASN'T NEAR AS DENSE AS IT  
IS TODAY, EVEN IN RURAL FARMLAND AREAS. IN ORDER  
TO KEEP THE RAILROAD AS STRAIGHT AS REASONABLE,  
MANY HOMES WILL BE DEMOLISHED TO AVOID THE  
"JOGS" THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY IN THE RAIL LINE.

AT A 200 FOOT RIGHT-OF-WAY, AND AT 278 MILES  
LONG, THE LAND TAKEN WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 10.5  
SQUARE MILES, OR 6,720 ACRES. MOST WOULD BE  
FARM LAND IN THE MOST FERTILE SOIL IN THE WORLD.

IN MANY CASES FARMS WILL BE DEVIDED WITH NO  
SHORT WAY TO GET TO OTHER FARM SEGMENTS.  
MUCH LONGER DISTANCES WILL BE REQUIRED BY  
FARMERS TO TRAVEL FOR ALL PHASES OF FARMING THE  
LAND. THE ADDED COST TO FARMERS WOULD BE VERY  
SIGNIFICANT.

THIS PROPOSED RAIL LINE WOULD BENEFIT ONLY A  
VERY SMALL PRIVATE GROUP OF PEOPLE AT THE EXPENSE  
OF EVERYONE IN ITS PATH.

PLEASE DENY GLBT THE PETITION OR APPLICATION  
FOR THE RAIL LINE, FOR THE GREATER GOOD.

THANK YOU.

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