

Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E. Street SW
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Dear Mr. Navecky:

I would like to express my concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC rail line project. Docket # 35952. I oppose the project and ask the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal. My concerns are:

1. It is immoral to take land FROM CITIZENS BY EMINENT DOMAIN FOR PRIVATE CAPITAL GAIN.
2. THIS WOULD BE PERMANENT DESTRUCTION OF PRIME FARMLAND. THE LOSS OF INCOME TO FARMERS WOULD BE DEVASTATING. Farmers are the backbone of America.
3. Ancestral farms will be split. Egypt may be too large for the smaller farms.
4. Field tiles will be destroyed causing flooding and stagnant water + increase in mosquitoes.
5. Derailment will cause contamination to wells + soil such as happened in Wedron.
6. R.R. goes through burial grounds and Chief Shabbona Indian Reservation.
7. Road closings will cause safety issues with first responders, school busses, farm eqpt. Increase in accidents.
8. R.R. will go over old abandoned coal mines - could collapse
9. Will cause environmental hazards and threat to wildlife including the bird sanctuary in Marseilles.
10. Property values will decrease with noise and vibration DAY & NIGHT.
11. Without land you have nothing - Pearl S Buck

Respectfully Submitted by Printed name

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