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This letter is written in opposition to the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad line that would be built in eastern Rock County, WI. I grew up on my parents' farm at 2808 N. Tarrant Rd., Milton which is owned by my mother, Barbara Merriam. My sister, Carol Pregont, owns the farm to the south at 2508 N. Tarrant Rd, Milton. Both of these family farms would be negatively impacted by the proposed line, according to the preliminary route maps.

This area of southern Wisconsin is some of the best farmland in all of the Midwest - prime land for production of crops and for raising of livestock! The proposed line would potentially cut access to some of the farming land which could end up useless to the farmer or cause significant hardship in farming the divided land, thus causing significant loss to their livelihood and to the value of their farm. The proposed railroad line would have a severe impact on this rich farm land as well as the beautiful wooded habitat where wildlife is prominent - deer, foxes, birds of prey such as eagles & hawks, songbirds of many species, pileated woodpeckers and many others.

The environmental, legal and transportation aspects of this proposal should be studied in a much more comprehensive & independent way than has been done by the Great Lakes Basin Railroad corporation and the farmers & other citizens of east Rock County in southern Wisconsin should have access to the findings and have their voices heard!

I strongly object to the proposed building of the Great Lakes Basin Railroad line.

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