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Hebron, IN 46341
May 20, 2016

Mr. Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
Attn. Docket No. FD 35952
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky:

I have grave concerns regarding the route of the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line as it passes through Indiana.

The following are my concerns:

Noise:

Trains aren't quiet. Citing the article in *The Times* newspaper on Sunday, April 24, 2016 which interviewed Patton. It is stated: "And he (Patton) promises nearby residents the 'longest quiet-zone railroad ever built,' meaning trains will not be able to blast their horns at crossings." So if trains don't blast their whistles, will every crossing NOT be at grade? Then if crossings are at grade, will only the railroad crossings signs be used? Gates and lights will be needed. Gates and lights make noise: ding ding ding ding ding. The safety of every resident and everyone traveling throughout the area will be jeopardized if trains do not signal their approach to grade crossings.

Pollution:

Trains create exhaust which has air-borne particulates which will settle over a large area, larger when there's wind. These particles will settle on land which grows crops to feed thousands. These particles will settle on waterways which provide safe drinking water for thousands. More exhaust fumes and soot is not at all in the best interests of this area which provides food and water for thousands. South winds will blow this pollution and particulate matter into Lake Michigan, drinking water for thousands and thousands.

Quality of life:

I moved to Hebron to escape noise, traffic, pollution, population. If I had wanted to live near lots and lots of people and lots and lots of trains and noise, I would have

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chosen East Chicago, Hammond, Griffith. I didn't, and most of my neighbors chose the quiet rural life also. This quality of life will be drastically cut with 100 trains blasting both noise and pollution through night and day.

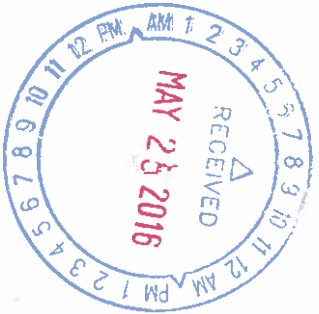
Please take these above concerns into consideration and relocate the tracks away from Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana.

Regards,



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