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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Dave Navecky (Docket No, FD 35952)
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Re: Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. Railroad Docket No. FD 35952.

Dear Mr. Navecky:

Northern Kankakee County, Illinois is made up of some of the best farm land in the country. The proposal to build a rail line and a 23 square mile "switching yard" on this land would take out of production this excellent land. With the concerns of our changing environment and global warming, the need for this valuable farm land is critical.

I own two properties in Sumner Township, Kankakee County, Illinois. One farm property is just outside the area proposed for the switch yard and one inside the affected area. We have lived here for almost 70 years and my family has farmed for over 200 years in this country. The negative impact on the small towns from the destruction of this huge loss of farmland would include, higher rates of pollution, impact on drainage into the Kankakee River Basin, huge traffic increase and it's associated pollution increase, risk of accidents to rail deaths at crossings, train accidents and drainage issues of placing such a huge construction project on our farmland.

This project would destroy the fabric of our local communities. Hundreds of farm families would be lost. Many are leaders in our communities. They are loyal to our country, community, schools and our local churches. Many are 3rd, 4th & 5th generation farmers. They will be lost without farming and we will all suffer for it.

I ask you to NOT support the setting of this proposed rail line.

The next time you drive through the country and see the beautiful farms, remember that it can all be lost in an instant to an aggressive, motivated promoter who has no concept of the loss and destruction of so much farmland and it's impact on people effected by his plan.

Sincerely,



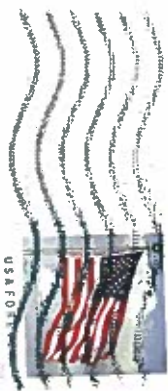
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