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Surface Transportation Board

Docket No. FD 35952

395 E Street SW

Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Surface Transportation Board,

I have many concerns about the proposed Great Late Basin Rail Line. My family has lived in the area for over 25 years. We have grown our family and raised several children here. I was not informed about this high speed rail that would transport dangerous chemicals through our area. If this goes through, our farm lands will be cut down in size and our farmers will struggle with a fraction of their original land. If a train were to derail, it would pollute or kill acres of crops and our farmers could lose thousands of dollars in clean up and lost crops.

Another concern I have is the number of trains that will be going through. I have heard that there will be 110 trains every day. I think that this is an outrageous number of trains for someone to hear every day. There are people who live in the country who would be close to the rail line and would hear each and every train. Our property values would diminish and thus, our taxes for our schools would go down and our already struggling school district would have even more problems with less money coming in from taxes.

I do have a suggestion for you though. To make it easier for everyone, why not put the chemicals on a secure boat and after sending it by train to Lake Michigan, send it by boat to its final destination. That way, there would not be any traffic to get in the way and you would not run into any issues with farmers getting mad at you for doing this. Please reconsider your placement of this rail and try to find another way around.

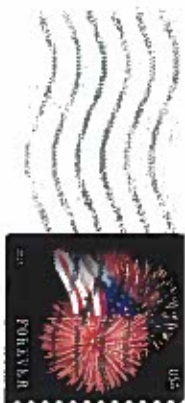
Sincerely,

Melissa C. Black

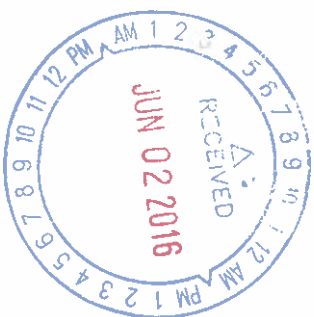


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