

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

Dear Surface Transportation Board,

I am writing in regard to the proposed Great Lakes Basin Rail Line.

My grandfather immigrated to this area over 150 years ago. He worked hard to make a living farming. He made improvements to the land he farmed, by adding drain tiles. He kept the weeds in control, and prevented erosion. We never had a lot but there was always enough to live on from farm income. Grandfather passed his land and his passion for farming on to me. I am 91 years old, my son farms this same land today. His grandson can not wait till he is old enough to farm some day.

The GLB Rail Line, does not care about any of that. They want to cut farms in half. They claim the land will not be devalued, but prime farm land does not benefit from train tracks. The tile systems that have taken years to figure out will be totally disrupted. My peaceful farm will have train noise, fumes, and chemicals sprayed to keep weeds down on the tracks. Allowing a train track on prime farmland is not an improvement!

My grandfather gave permission for telephone lines, electric poles and pipelines. I gave permission for an interstate highway and fiber optics. They worked with us and we shared the farm for the betterment of our community. But Mr. Patton wants it all his way.

Please do not give the Great Lakes Basin Rail Line the right to take my land. It is not for sale!

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