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To Whom It Concerns (Dave Navecky:

I am writing about the Great Basin Railroad that is going to Boone County and through the wetlands and in back and in front of our homes. It is then to cross I-90 turn and go the other direction on their way to Winnebago County. This makes us have railroad on 2 sides and I-90 on another. The noise level will be awful!

We bought this home in the 80's because of the wetlands. There are all types of birds, geese, Bald Eagles and Black Swans that call this wetland home. There are also deer and so many other animals that are there. We just knew there would never be a subdivision there because of the wetlands and the fact that Spring Township in Boone County has an extremely high water table. When we get rain the water rises up to the back of the homes. You can't get back there even with a 4 wheeler.

How can you ruin so many people's life's? Even if you do pay for the land you use NO amount will make up for the drop in our property values and the way the freight train will shake our homes apart. What if one wrecks???? What then??? What about the noise level I-90 and train on 2 sides!

What about our wells in a county with high water tables??? If you have a spill we'll be done fore.

I realize you might (or NOT) need this railroad but why do you have it so close to our homes here by the curve on Shattuck?

Please reconsider this and help us save our homes, our township and our county.

Thank You,

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Please don't take us & our neighbors
land we're not Russia! Shame on the
people thinking this is!
There is a differ route I-80 & 39 or Belkline
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