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July 14, 2016

Mr. Dave Navecky

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Dear Sir,

This letter is in opposition to Docket No. FD-35952 – Great Lakes Basin Rail. We, the members of the St. Peter's United Church of Christ (UCC) Church Council, Grant Park, Illinois, are writing on behalf of our congregation in efforts to express our opposition to the proposed project and our heartfelt concern for the future of our church and its community as it pertains to this project.

St. Peter's UCC is located at 310 N. Meadow Street in Grant Park, just 1/2 mile south of the proposed Great Lakes Basin Rail project, and the church cemetery is located at 10753 N 10000 E Rd in Grant Park.

We stand united, not only in name, but in fellowship, in concern for how this rail will adversely affect our community, our congregation and those past members laid to rest. Our "church family" at St. Peter's is comprised of 485 members from Grant Park and surrounding communities, and has a long, proud history of over 145 years. Our membership includes many local farm families that have deep personal concern for how the rail project will impact the local farm land, much of which has been passed down for generations and has helped make Grant Park the cherished home town that it is today for those at St. Peter's. The disruption to the farm land, access to the church and the cemetery and the overall health and welfare of the community is of great concern.

We ask that you take into consideration how this will adversely affect our congregation, thank you for your assistance.

Respectfully,

The St. Peter's United Church of Christ Church Council:

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.....Never Place a Period where God has placed a Comma.

Gracie Allen; 20th century American comedian



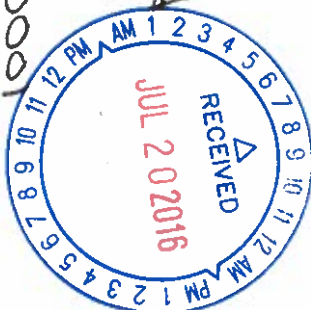
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