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Sent: Friday, November 11, 2016 5:29 PM
To: Blodgett, Kenneth <Kenneth.Blodgett@stb.gov>
Subject: GLB Rail

Dear Mr. Blodgett,

My name is Sharon May. I am the President of Ogle Crossings Homeowner's Association. Ogle Crossings is a subdivision located in the village of Davis Junction, IL.

I have heard from people that the GLB is planning on closing Big Mound and Holcomb Roads. These are major roads for the surrounding communities, even though they may look very small on the maps. Having to drive around these closures is not as easy as it undoubtedly sounds to you and your organization. Being farmland, roads are separated with thousands of acres and driving all the way around them will be extremely time consuming on a daily basis.

There is also the question of our egress. Should there be an accident or other emergency, minutes could be the separation of life and death. If there is a train shuffling, the ambulance will either have to wait for them to break the train, or go around the Southern route to Route 251. Should you close those roads, that will add 15-20 minutes while the ambulance drives around to the next open road to go East. Those 15-20 minutes could easily cost someone their life.

Another issue is that the railroad will easily be within walking distance of all of the children of this village as well as Holcomb directly to our South. 110 trains per day traveling at a high speed is a recipe for disaster.

I have two questions....

- 1) Is there any truth to this rumor of closing the major arteries between communities and the main roads?
- 2) When is the next Public meeting for Ogle County?

Thank you very much for your attention in addressing my concerns in this matter.

Regards,
Sharon May
President
Ogle Crossings HOA