

EI-22829



Opposition to the GLB Railroad
Elizabeth Johnston

to:
david.navecky@stb.dot.gov
05/13/2016 11:14 AM

Hide Details

From: Elizabeth Johnston <bethjohnston00@hotmail.com>

To: "david.navecky@stb.dot.gov" <david.navecky@stb.dot.gov>

Dear Mr. Navecky:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the GLB Railroad.

I grew up in Kankakee County, Illinois. My family owns, not one, but two Century Family Farms in the community. One of which is less than a mile from the proposed railroad. Not only does this railroad provide no economic gain for the community, it will also wreck farms and communities.

In addition to the farmland that would be lost to the railroad, over 200 feet of "right away" being requested. Some of which is being utilized for utility work that GLB has admitted will be used as a revenue stream. In essence, taking money out of the pocket of the family farmer and giving it to GLB. In addition, GLB has requested some 15,000 acres in Kankakee County for a rail port while an existing Union Pacific port uses less than 3,000 acres. More to the point, not a single railway has committed to using this rail line.

Family farms are the backbone of this county and country (and this world). To allow the GLB railroad will be to destroy a part of this fiber of our nation - again with NO GAIN. Not only is it detrimental for the rich farmland of this area, but also to the people who have lived and worked here for decades.

Please do not allow this happen. The GLB Railroad is most certainly NOT in the public interest.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Johnston