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June 22, 2016

Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. FD 35952

Dear Mr. Navecky,

My husband is a third generation farmer and we live on a small family farm that will be impacted if this project continues. We have struggled to maintain our property through the ups and downs of grain markets, high interest loans, and weather conditions. We have successfully raised our family and are now at the place where our property, or life investment, is going to fund out retirement. The impact of this plan not only harms our way of life, but will cause a huge issue with the drainage from the housing developments north of our home.

Many of our opinions were expressed at the public meetings. We attended all of them and heard many good reasons, in addition to our own concerns, about why this project should be halted. I am amused by the idea that proponents indicate this will be "jobs" for the area. How gullible do people think we are? Everyone that has brought something to our area proposes that...and in the end...they are not jobs for ANYONE from this area.

Is there a need for more railroad service? Maybe, possibly...BUT there are so many railroad tracks in our area that could be renovated and used to help this shortage. I suggest you look into this alternative. In that way, our land values, our rural way of life, and our community would not endure the environmental changes this project will produce. My retirement years would not hold seeing a switching station ¼ mile south of my front yard.

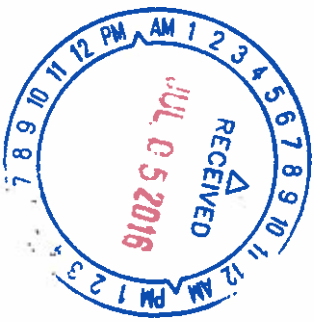
You may count us as strong opponents to this initiative. Does this proposed railroad impact your land values, your life or livelihood, or your financial security? I suspect the backer behind this initiative will not be living near it either. The American dream of working hard, investing in your future, and providing for your family is in danger of being overridden by people who make decisions based on maps rather than people.

Sincerely,


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