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To the Surface Transportation Board,

Re: Docket #FD 35952
Great Lakes Basin Transportation

I am writing to you to oppose the GLBT Railroad. Honestly, I am frustrated that I have to write a letter requesting that you deny and reject this project in order for me and my family to keep our home and land. Land that I bought from my father and that has been in my family for generations. A home that my husband and I built in which we planned to retire. This is our legacy and frankly I am mad that Mr. Patton wants to take it away so he can have his so-called legacy at the expense to so many other people. And to top it off, he wants to keep his investors hidden. If I am to lose what's mine, I have every right to know who's taking it. For that reason, I ask you to deny GLBT's request to keep their financial backers a secret.

I live within the "Rail Port" in Sumner Township. Not only will my husband and I lose our home, so will my father and stepmother, my grandmother, my brother and his family, and my 2 uncles and their families. My father, brother and uncle are lifelong farmers who will lose their farmland and entire way of life. Farming is all they have known. One cannot just easily pickup and move somewhere else and expect to find enough land to farm. We have a lot to lose and precious farmland is not something that can be replaced once gone. Why is 15,000 acres needed for a rail port? What is this land really wanted for? We that live here have a right to know.

My Mom is buried in our church cemetery that sits in the middle of the "rail port". What becomes of the cemetery if this project is approved? Will the cemetery and our loved ones have to be moved elsewhere? Or will I have to visit her grave, and other family members and friends, as trains are rushing by and horn whistles are blaring?

I not only implore you to deny this entire project but to do it soon. The people affected by this railroad want to get on with their lives without the worry of losing their homes. There are way too many questions that Mr. Patton has not answered or clarified.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jayne Frahm