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Mr. Navecky,

I write this letter in opposition of the GLB Proposed rail line. Our 3RD Generation owned and operated family Farm and Centennial Homestead is located at 8323 W State Road 2, LaPorte IN 46350. Our Farm is between Mile Marker 2 and 4 of the proposed north route. The Route goes Through and affects 5 Parcels of Land and Two homes we own on the Farm. (see Attached map) I am the Third Generation in our family to operate this farm.

As The Norfolk Southern has stated publicly and in a letter to the STB, that they have no agreement with GLB and have no interest and no NEED for another route, I request you reject this request as it is obvious that the north leg of this route(10 Miles to the Norfolk Southern Line) are unwanted and there is NO Demand or Need.

I also believe the GLB has no basis, excepting Greed, to ask for a utility corridor to further devalue and desecrate the land.

The Proposed Route runs at Roughly a 45 Degree angle through our farm and leaves in it's wake a farm that has land locked areas, would have triangle and trapezoid shaped fields, that leave point rows and damage the productivity of the farm. The route also will alter the Natural water drainage of the farm and likely cause more issues of lost productivity. The Proposed plan has 2 tracks and 3 staging lines(5 Tracks) that run through our property eliminating the possibility for private crossings. In Parcel 3 from the attached map, the back acreage will have to have a clearing cut through the trees to access and will require hauling the harvest for farther distances through the field to get to the road.

America's Farmland Feeds the ever growing world Population and needs to be protected from Venture Capitalistic that want to take the property and lively hood of others for personal gain.

Finally, this proposed rail line will increase air pollution and Noise and vibration pollution, and Will disrupt traffic flows, and will create risk to our community in the event of Train/Car accidents, derailments and Hazardous spills that will further damage the environment we depend on for life in our area. The Quality of life that we have known and enjoyed for generations will be changed forever, and our emergency

response units, school buses and Law enforcement will face longer travel times and peoples lives will be at risk.

The unproven claim of what the gain will be in this proposed project is totally outweighed by the devastating loss to thousands of Hard working Americans.

Again, Please do not approve this proposed project. The Burden it imposes to all directly and indirectly is Totally UNREASONABLE.

Respectfully,

Mark Hannon

Attachment



Hannon Farm (1).pdf