

ATTN: Dave Navecky -Docket No. FD35952
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E. Street SW
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Dear Mr. Navecky:

I would like to express my concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC rail line project. Docket # 35952. I oppose the project and ask the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal. My concerns are:

This is the Best Soil in the World. "They aren't making any more of it. " (Will Rogers)

This is a risky venture, not supported by any experienced railroad companies ,that may not succeed. Example: (deserted shopping centers).

We can't prevent natural disasters[such as the tornados in Fairdale and Belvidere] but adding man-made disasters with oil car spills and pollution should not be left to chance.

Is this really going to be for the common good , or the profit of the investors?

Farming a split field would be nearly impossible to do. Many crossings would be difficult and emergency vehicles would be delayed. (110 trains a day)

As a Centennial Farm owner that would be affected, this proposed unproven railroad project would benefit few, destroy our environment and prize land, and harm the "Common Good".

Respectfully Submitted

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