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Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001
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Dear Sir:

The Population in the rural area is may be smaller per square mile but also very critical. The smaller group of people carry out great responsibilities for a massive area.

The farmer works around the weather - floods, hail, wind, dryness, heat and cold to get crops planted and raised to maturity. They fight bugs and disease that tries to destroy the crop as it grows. The fuel prices, machinery investment, repair cost - all keeps the production cost on the rise.

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Power lines, drainages, wind fields, pipe lines, roads and so many things have taken good rich farm land out of production that is critical in keeping the food chain operating to feed the demands of the population growth of the world. It's a crime to destroy the God given means of meeting the food supply demands. This is just one more issue that affects not only the individual farmer but the world in a negative way.

Safety is also an issue. Five minutes lost at a Rail Road Crossing for an emergency vehicle due to the added train traffic or train problem in these rural areas means so much - matter of life or death, small or large catastrophe due to fire, explosions, storms, accidents of all kinds could cause huge catastrophic disasters.

The rural area has worked very hard over many years in order to improve living standards and cannot

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be silent when such massive plans
are in the making to destroy what
has been accomplished over hundreds
of years. Farmland must be handled
with the utmost of protection and
respect as to the value it stands
for toward the preservation of the
human race.

if what has taken years and
years to build by the hard work
and sacrifices a farmer has had
to endure for years to keep his family
and the families following him is
destroyed, what hope is there for the
future?

For the good of all people this
Rail Road must not be built.

I own a small farm four
miles from Earlville, Illinois.

Sincerely,

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