

May 14, 2016

Mrs. Jo Ellen Gyorkos
13698 W. 4250N Rd
Essex, IL 60935
Kankakee County

EI-23309

Mr. Dave Navecky
Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Docket No. FD 35952

Dear Surface Transportation Board Members,

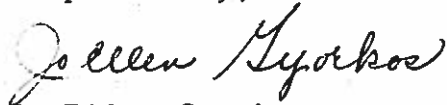
In regard to the above Docket number FD 35952 I have following concerns:

1. Farms will be divided, some in half with no access to the land locked half. Tile lines and drainage will be destroyed which in turn can cause unnatural wet lands being formed. The natural flow south to north may be altered. Small water tributaries such as Horse Creek, Granary Creek in my local area feeding into the Kankakee River at Custer Park, IL. Will County and also Grundy County. In the case of a hazardous derailment and spill could affect the drinking water supply for Will County residents and our own private wells thus making our real estate holdings worthless. The amount of the raised rail bed can cause a disruption in wild life movement plus the contour of surrounding land. A threatened fish the Red Horse only reproduces in the Horse Creek and at the entrance into the Kankakee River at Custer Park, IL.
2. Safety of residents will be affected through closed roads and unusual long freight lines closely timed blocking rural intersections. Our fire departments and ambulance service is volunteer, they do not receive compensations for their efforts. If you are on the wrong side of the tracks emergency crews either cannot get to the emergency equipment needed or to the aid of fire or life threatening emergencies. Extensive training would be required to deal with hazardous spills. In Kankakee county there are numerous underground pipe lines criss crossing this area. Can heavy pounding of large trains compromise these lines?
3. Illinois's major industry is agriculture. This project would be taking valuable farm land out of production. In turn many farm related jobs would be eliminated. We are losing prime farm land at an un-precedented rate every year to highways, housing and yes, to transport lines such as this. Food costs will raise and farm income will be impacted.
4. Noise pollution will play a role in the well being of people being impacted by a rail line of this magnitude. Trains derail often and some of disastrous consequences

Pg 2 of 2

A thorough full environmental impact study is requested before any action is taken.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jo Ellen Gyorkos". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and phone number.

Jo Ellen Gyorkos
Ph: 815-365-2374

Ms. Joëllen Gyorkos
13698 W. 4250N Rd.
Essex, IL 60935



CHAMPAIGN IL 618

15 MAY 2016 PM 3:1



MR. DAVE NAVECKY
Surface Transportation Board

ATTN: Docket # FD 35952
395 E. street, S.W.

Washington D.C.
20423-0001