

EMERALD GROVE CEMETERY
ROCK COUNTY, WI

March 28, 2016

Dave Navecky
Office of Environmental Analysis,
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW.,
Washington, DC 20423-0001

RE: Great Lakes Basin Rail Line Proposal Docket No. FD 35952

Dear Mr Navecky,

The Board of Directors of the Emerald Grove Cemetery, wish to alert you to the impact of putting a rail line in Bradford Township, Rock Co., WI. The proposed rail line will cut across our cemetery. Our cemetery has 3 parcels of 2 acres each designated for graves. Lots in two of the parcels are almost full, the 3rd parcel which is the one the proposed rail is cutting across is also available for lots and used for parking etc.

We feel having a rail line running over our cemetery, or that close to our cemetery would make it undesirable for selling future lots. Funerals held at the cemetery by grieving families would be impacted by the noise of a speeding train.

Also, the cemetery is built on an upward slope and at the top of the hill is the third lot where the proposed rail line would be. This could possibly create a water drainage into the cemetery.

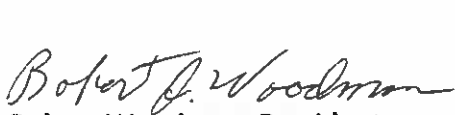
Therefore, we feel the impact of a rail line in Bradford township would be a great hardship to the cemetery as well as to the community. Bradford Township's revenue is primarily agriculture. To take some of the best soil in the world, Rock Prairie Soil, out of production, would also cause great hardship and lost revenue to our small community.

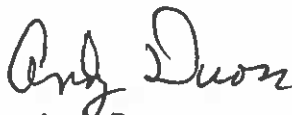
We would ask when addressing this proposal, you would realize that this project is not worth the sacrifice.

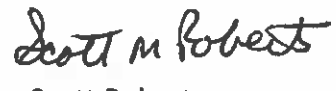
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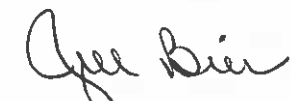
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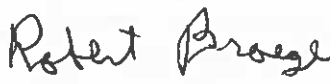
Board of Directors of the Emerald Grove Cemetery,


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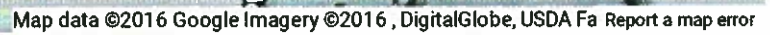

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