

June 6, 2016

EI-24573

Dear Mr. Navecky,

I am writing in opposition to The Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. Railroad **Docket No. 35952**. As a landowner in Illinois and Kankakee County, I urge and request the STB pursue the "no-action alternative" of denying the petition or application of GLBT due to the negative environmental issues, safety, and economic impact the rail line would have on all the citizens that own, earn their living from or reside in the footprint of the proposed line.

My concerns are as follows:

1. The GLBT would cut our township in two. The firehouse on the south and most of the volunteer fire personnel live on the north side of the proposed line, thus if a train is on the tracks, there would be a delay in response time.
2. Just because there is open land along the route doesn't mean people don't depend on it. The rich fertile soils along the route provide a livelihood for many people and a tax base for the county which we desperately need.
3. There is an east-west and north-south rail lines already south of Chicago. Destroying fertile soils for a duplicate route would be outrageous. The line would also impact an historic State Park.
4. No one can tell me from all that I have read and listened to in meetings what benefit those affected would gain. None as far as I can tell. If the proponent of this rail line wants to provide a legacy for his children, he should not do it on the backs of hundreds of people.
5. The rural life as we know it would be destroyed if the rail line goes through. It will not enhance our lives but destroy lives that took hundreds of years to develop.
6. The list is endless as to why this rail line should never be given approval, from school transportation, farms being cut in two with no ability to get to each parcel, safety issues, more farm equipment on State highways because of the many rural road closures etc.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON THE GLRBTR DOCKET # 35952

Thank you for your consideration.

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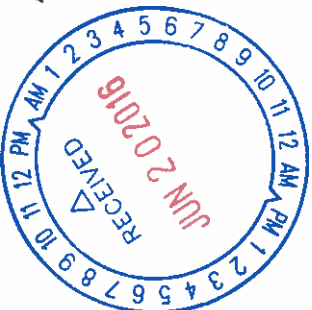
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