

ATTN: Dave Navecky Docket No. FD35952
Surface Transportation Board
Office of Environmental Analysis
395 E Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Dear Mr. Navecky:

We would like to express our concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Transportation rail line project Docket #39592. We oppose the project and ask the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal. A few of our several concerns are as follows:

From a very personal standpoint, it is with dismay that we contemplate what a deleterious effect this project would have on our property, which has been in an Illinois State Conservation Program for many years. We are located on the banks of the West Fork of the Mazon River and provide a home for many types of wildlife. Also we have important wetlands on the acreage and provide runoff from overabundant water in some seasons.

It is with distress that we think of the damage GLB would do to an already fragile ecosystem if the project would be put into place and then one is alert to the damage that would be done to this area in the event of almost certain spills and derailments.

It is important for all of us to keep a band of green in this area to enable farmers to till this very productive soil for agricultural endeavors and not make it more difficult for them by splitting their farmland.

One wonders who is behind the financing for this project but it threatens to disrupt many lives and bring increased traffic to an already crowded scene.

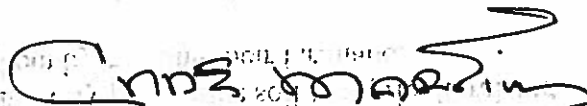
We would hope that, from an environmental standpoint, this project would not be allowed.

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