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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to block Great Lake Basin Railroad from coming through. It is going to have only negative effects for those whose property is on or near the route. It will have environmental effects that can cause great harm. I do not see this project benefiting anyone but the investors. The poor get poorer and the rich get richer.

On a personal note it will affect us by blocking our driveway which is our only exit out of our 46 acre farm. I do not know if legally they can block a family in there path due to safety issues. By what was said at the meeting they can and will block us in. Our farm is all we really have for our retirement and children inheritance. Our property value will decrease drastically. We build a handicapped accessible home to live in for our retirement and moving will be really hard on us. If we have to move we will not stay in Illinois. I know many who our on the train route have said they also would move out of Illinois. We are talking about farmers and individuals who pay taxes and bring income to the areas.

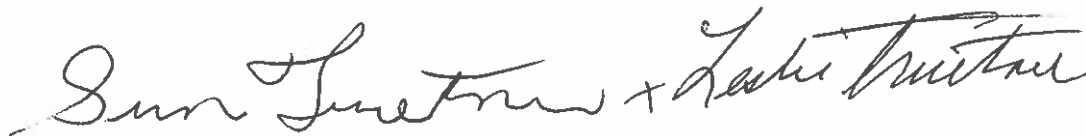
The amount of property we have could have been divided into two parcels and with what the train takes up will cause our parcels to be too small which will cause lost in income for us which the GLB railroad will not compensate us for.

Illinois does not have many nice State Parks and this area enjoys the Kankakee State Park. We get many who visit the park. The GLB railroad will destroy our State Park. No one will want to visit it with a railroad going through it. This will cause lost of income for the area also.

The railroad is looking at making money I see lost in many other areas that bring income like farming, trucking, and local businesses.

The GLB railroad is not looking at the big picture they want to make money for themselves and take away our livelihoods. There are so many issues that are involved such as safety, emergency, environmental, land values, and drainage. We do not want the GLB railroad to be approved, please block this plan.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Truetner + Leslie Truetner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely yours" text.

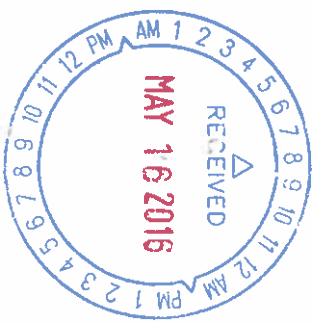
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