

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

Dear Mr. Navecky:

I would like to express my concerns over the proposed Great Lakes Basin Transportation, LLC rail line project. Docket # 35952. I oppose the project and ask the Surface Transportation Board to deny the proposal. My concerns are:

Direct negative impact consuming 88 acres of pasture and farmland that sustain grazing for 40 head beef cattle operation. The railroad and the rail yard negatively impacting farmland by consuming livelihood of area farmers. Negatively impacting Kankakee County farm related support businesses. Rail yard would negatively impact air quality. Rail yard would destroy nesting site for horned owl and wetlands on our property.

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- * There are risk factors associated with a privately funded company taking on this huge project
- * This is not a company with a proven track record building railroads
- * What happens if they run out of money
- * What happens if the company is not profitable
- * Future maintenance issues

13. CULTURAL and HISTORIC RESOURCES

14. AESTHETICS

15. ENVIROMENTAL JUSTICE

16. CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

- * People in this township are living here because of the rural environment. Destroy that and people might be forced to go elsewhere
- * The forever destruction of valuable soils
- * Township roads will be altered or closed - a tremendous inconvenience
- * It degrades the rural nature of the historic countryside

ADDITIONAL ISSUES

- A. One of the main reasons that the Notice of Intent gives as the need for this is the congestion in the Chicago terminal. It says delays "can be up to 30 Hours." This line can decrease this to 8 hours.
- B. This new line merely allows the rail shippers to get their product to their destination quicker which results in more profit for the shipper. Since when can eminent domain (the taking of private property for public use) be used to generate more corporate profits?
- C. Suggest that the terminal allow Google to send in a team to determine how technology can be used to make the terminal more efficient. They are currently developing cars that drive themselves. Google is an organization that has concerns for the environment. They can help save preciously needed farm land and can help preserve the peace and tranquility of the country.
- D. The inefficiencies of the Chicago train terminal should not be solved by creating a problem in the countryside.
- E. The Notice of Intent states that "the Board must approve a construction request unless it finds that the construction is inconsistent with the public convenience and necessity." Convenience and necessity should be stressed in the issues

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