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Mr. Dave Navecky
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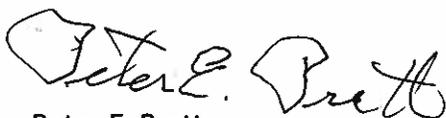
Reference: Farm located at 35982 West Countyline Road, Kirkland, IL 60146

Dear Mr. Navecky:

I own a 160-acre farm in the very southwest corner of Boone County, Illinois. I am very concerned that if this Great Lakes Basin Railway (GLBR) goes through my land that my farm property will be affected in a negative way. The farm has three large fields, which would be split into four fields if the GLBR goes through, leaving two fields quite small. There is a grass waterway that is in the CRP Farm Program. That grass waterway runs from the north end through the south end of my property and surface water from both sides of the grass waterway drain into it. Also, a 12-inch draining tile is under the full length of the grass waterway, which drains lateral tile from both sides. There is, in addition, a field tile from the farm across the road to the north that is owned by Gary Klienfelder that flows into the 12-inch drain tile that drains 60 acres of his land. From the northeast part of Gary's farm, there is another tile from another farm that drains into Gary's tile. If GLBR is put into construction, my farm, as well as the other two farms, is going to be affected. In the process of building the railroad, I am extremely worried that my farm land will be flooded as well as the other two farms.

My farm and the surrounding farms are prime deer and turkey habitat. I am concerned the GLBR will disturb this habitat. Having been in the real estate business and land appraisal business for over fifty years, it is my opinion that the railway will adversely affect the value of my farm and all the land that GLBR comes into contact with.

Sincerely,

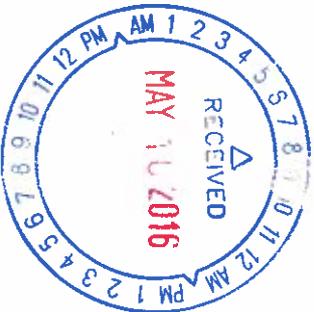
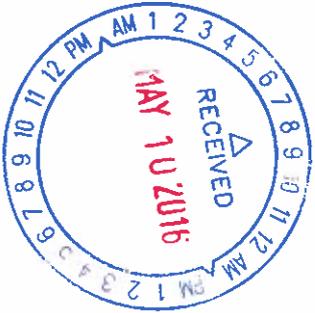

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