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Surface Transportation Board  
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Dear Mr. Navecky and Board Members:

I am writing in total opposition to the proposed Great Lakes Basin Railroad Project (Docket No. FD 35952). This sneaky, underhanded scheme has nothing to do with speeding up trains through Chicago. It has everything to do with a few rich private individuals scheming to make money, nothing more or less.

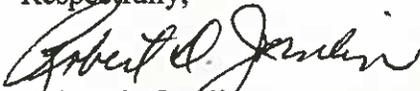
This approximate two hundred and eighty miles of railroad with a width of two hundred feet would eat up **six thousand seven hundred acres** of the best agricultural land Mother Nature ever made. Land I might add that has mostly been in family ownerships for fifty to more than one hundred years, but all private property! This is not the "Wild West" with government grazing or open range land up for lease as these planners seem to believe when they say it is unpopulated.

You can also add to this a minimum of some six hundred forty acres per mile adjacent to this RR which would be cut up, dissected land for a total of one hundred eighty thousand acres (180,000). This land would also be directly affected as would land for several miles on either side. That is in drainage interruption, loss of grain yields, harder and taking more time to farm, loss in its value, noise pollution, greater distance to take grain to markets, etc.

In short this would be the greatest environmental disaster ever forced on our land – not by Mother Nature, but by dreamers in pursuit of personal riches. PLEASE DENY THIS PROPOSAL.

Thank You

Respectfully,



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