

**OPPOSITION, OBJECTION, AND CALL FOR ACTION AGAINST THE
GREAT LAKES BASIN TRANSPORTATION, INC. RAILROAD
DOCKET NO. FD 35952**

To: The Surface Transportation Board ("STB"):

As a resident and/or landowner in Boone County, I, the undersigned, oppose and object to the construction of the rail line proposed by Great Lakes Basin Transportation Inc. ("GLBT").** I urge and request the STB pursue the "no-action alternative" of denying the petition or application of GLBT due to the negative environmental, safety, social, and economic impact the rail line would have on me and all citizens that own property and/or reside near the proposed path of the rail line. The claimed (but unproven and unspecified) efficiencies possibly gained from the rail line are far outweighed by the loss of prime farmland, impact on the safety of local residents, and significant changes to the local environment and landscape.

I request and call upon the STB to ensure the scope of the Environmental Impact Study ("EIS") associated with the project be as broad and stringent as possible, and include investigation of and weighing the relative impact of the proposed rail line's claimed economic efficiencies against the enormous tangible and intangible costs that would be imposed on residents and owners of property that fall on or near the path of the rail line.

I further request and call up on the STB to deny any exemption from GLBT filing a formal application to ensure additional public comment is allowed prior to any approval of rail line construction.

**The railway project as proposed by GLBT, recognized as Docket No. FD 35952, consisting of a rail line of approximately 278 miles in length, from La Porte, Indiana, through the State of Illinois (including Boone County) to a point in the Town of Lima in Rock County, Wisconsin.

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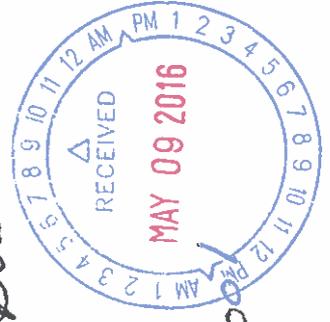
Concerned Citizens of Boone County, Illinois



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