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MAY 16, 2016

**Mr. David Navecky**  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street SW  
Washington, DC 20423-0001  
Docket No. FD 35952

Dear Mr. Navecky,

My family and I are opposed to the construction of the Great Lakes Basin Railroad, which would significantly disrupt the local agricultural economy. The proposed rail line will be built through land we own and farm and will result in a direct loss of income to provide for our families. There will be fewer acres for us to farm successfully and the rail line will severely damage crucial drainage across many acres.

Additionally, crude oil, if spilled from a train car will cause irreparable damage to our environment. Oil trains in America spilled crude more often in 2014 than any year since 1975 (NBC News). Our community cannot afford the risk of an oil spill or worse, an oil train derailment which could be deadly, as was the derailment in Quebec in 2013 in which 47 people were killed and the town mostly destroyed (NBC News).

As landowners and farmers in the direct path of the GLB Railroad, we strongly object to this project.

Warm regards,



**Erin Kilmer**



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