

April 7, 2016

Dave Navecky

Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street SW

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RE: Docket No FD 35952

Dear Mr. Navecky,

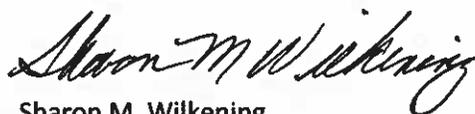
Our home is near the proposed path of the Great Lakes Basin Transportation Company. I sincerely hope that this project will never come to be. Our land is in the midst of the best farm land in the country. Our topsoil was produced by millions of buffalo and Prairie Grass as far as the eye could see over the last 10,000 years. Will this premium soil be wasted on grade build up? What will the water runoff be if this rail line is built with all of its proposed flyovers and grades? We have a natural wild life habitat towards the rear of our land with hawks, ducks, geese, beaver, eagles and numerous other wildlife. We have a natural waterway through the middle of our land. If waterways are disrupted will there be more stagnant water with increased mosquito populations? Horses are very prone to mosquito borne diseases and I have three, not to mention the threat of West Nile Virus in people.

My husband and I are just starting our retirement years. Will we be forced to move if the route of first responders is altered due to roadways being closed? We had been hoping to live out the remainder of our lives in our home here on a peaceful road in the middle of nowhere that took us a decade to find.

There have been no disclosures as to who is behind this proposal. Is this a legitimate company or some persons from outside our borders trying to manipulate rail transportation for their personal gain and the detriment of our community's? And just who will this benefit? Our railroad companies are not lining up to use this new line, and foreign workers and materials would in all probability be used for construction.

Please take what I have said into consideration and deny the Great Lakes Basin Transportation Company permission to have access to our land and homes.

Sincerely,



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