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Surface Transportation Board,

Family farms and lives would be devastated if the railroad goes through. Middle America is the vital food producing area of the country and must not be lost. California has water and other problems. The prairie states focus on vast fields of GMO corn and wheat for fuel and factory farms, but the healthy food and the healthy life is in the Great Lakes Basin that the railroad would carve up. it mustn't happen. If the argument is that products will be delivered cheaper and faster, cheaper and faster is not always good, at least if the only benefit is to big companies who get products faster and cheaper, while destroying the lives of many people. The trade for a low-paying company job is hardly a good bargain if one has to give up his own farm and independence and a good life and income. The slower and more diverse way is usually the better way for keeping the human scale in life and letting everyone have a chance for prosperity, and not just a few.

Sincerely,

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