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The Honorable Adam Kinzinger
1221 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Kinzinger,

Thank you for your letter dated July 15, 2016, regarding the environmental review of a potential rail line construction in *Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.--Authority to Construct & Operate a Rail Line in Indiana, Illinois & Wisconsin*, FD 35952. We appreciate hearing your views.

This matter is in environmental review before the agency's Office of Environmental Analysis (OEA), and no application or petition has been filed with the Board seeking approval for the potential construction. The environmental comment period in *Great Lakes Basin* ended on Friday, July 15. Accordingly, OEA is now preparing a Final Scope of Study, which includes consideration of issues raised in the comments. Lucille Marvin, Director of the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, will keep your staff apprised of further procedural developments in this matter. She can be reached at 202-245-0238. Your letter has been posted on the Board's website and is a part of the environmental record in this proceeding.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts regarding this matter. Please continue to keep us informed of your views on matters concerning the STB that are important to you.

Sincerely,

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Chairman

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Vice Chairman

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