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October 4, 2016

Victoria Ruston
Director, Office of environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
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Re: Docket No. FD 35952 Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.

Dear Director Ruston:

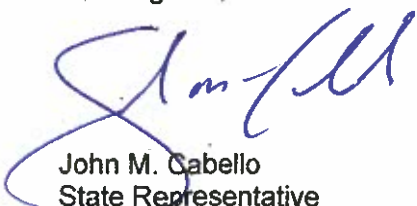
On September 20, 2016, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. (GLBT) filed their Response to the Surface Transportation Board's (STB) July 1, 2016 Information Request No. 1.

As the State Representative of the 68th District of Illinois, I would like to voice my opposition to the Great Lakes Basin Transportation's new preferred route. There are numerous changes from the GLBT's original filing with the STB. Several concerned constituents who were not affected by its initial route have contacted my office recently and as their elected official, my perspective reflects their concern. Please understand my apprehensions and I hope this letter proves useful to you in your deliberations.

The proposed railroad will affect family farms that have been here for generations. These farming families built our community and I have deep reservations that this proposal would adversely affect their way of life. These farmers settled here generations ago and I believe the justifications for this railroad are far less important than the traditions of some of our beloved residents.

The new Preferred Route was submitted by the GLBT and disclosed to the public after the close of the initial public comment period. In order to ensure both procedural fairness under the National Environmental Policy Act and to have an informed public, I respectfully request that a new public comment period be set specifically for GLBT's Response to the STB's Information Request No. 1. I believe this public comment period is completely necessary to provide the individuals and communities affected by this to provide their comments and concerns. I request that the STB allow a minimum of 60-day public comment period on the GLBT's Response to information Request No.1 to ensure that the newly impacted landowners have an opportunity to provide their input regarding potential environmental, social, and economic impacts of the new Preferred Route.

Best regards,


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