

Rep. Loudenbeck: Statement on STB rejection of GLBT application

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Madison – State Representative Amy Loudenbeck (R-Clinton) released the following statement regarding the Surface Transportation Board’s (STB) rejection of an application by the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc. (GLBT) for authority to construct and operate a 261-mile rail line through portions of Wisconsin, Illinois, and Indiana:

“I am thrilled that the STB has rejected the application by the GLBT. Hundreds of Rock County residents and I have continued to point out in our submissions to the STB, that the GLBT’s application was fundamentally flawed and never adequately addressed any of numerous significant environmental or socio-economic impacts of the proposed project.

“I applaud the efforts of the communities and community members that invested their own resources in a grassroots effort to fully engage in the process. It clearly made a big difference.

“For the past eighteen months, residents along and near the proposed route have been worried sick about how the proposal would affect their farmland, their lives, and their livelihoods. Today, communities all along the proposed route can breathe an enormous sigh of relief.”

For the STB’s decision follow this link: <https://www.stb.gov/Decisions/>



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