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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
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Re: Townline Rail Terminal, LLC - Docket Number: FD 36575

February 15, 2023

Dear Chairman Oberman,

Townline Association is assisting residents with the public comment process. Attached are letters to be included for your consideration. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 1104.12, I have cc'd the parties of record on this correspondence.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Henninger

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Edward R. Wehrheim
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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman Chairman, Surface
Transportation Board

395 E Street, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20423

no FD - 36575

Dear Sir,

As I am sure you are aware, Carlsoncorp has requested to build a railroad spur and a regional freight rail terminal at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park, N.Y. for the purpose of hauling toxic ash, construction & demolition debris in addition to goods and commodities. The plan is for commodities to be shipped to this site via freight trains and then trucked away through local streets.

What you may not be aware of is that this location is in an area zoned for Light Industry/ Residential and rightfully so. This property is located in the middle of populated residential areas and all that comes with a residential community. There are schools and nursing homes, a skating rink, a sports complex that caters to young children, a ball field, churches, a VA hospital and many homes that have been an established part of the community for decades.

The thought of allowing a corporation to build a train yard that would house 161 freight trains and 50 tractor trailers allowing for all the pollution associated with this project (including possible infiltration of a federal sole source aquifer) within feet of residents and barely over a mile from a primary school seems, at the very least, irresponsible. I cannot believe our local legislator Robert Trotta, and town supervisor, Edward Wehrheim have kept this a secret from their tax paying constituents who had to learn of this plan through the local media!

This community already does its fair share of shouldering the burden of unpopular industry that benefits the larger community. Within this community there is a power plant, a resource recovery plant, medical waste incinerators and several capped landfills with methane venting. Adding to this by building a private freight yard is "overkill". This is a private, profit-making endeavor at the cost of a longstanding tax-paying community.

In reviewing this matter, we ask that you take into account the hard working citizens of this community and the quality of life that we all deserve. My son has asthma, there are children living within a mile with Type 1 diabetes, others with autoimmune disorders and others with many, many forms of cancer. Some of these conditions could be associated with the pollutants already infiltrating this area (methane venting, medical waste incinerators), but ALL would be exasperated by toxic ash flying off of trucks and emissions from diesel trains!

We, as a community, implore you to look carefully at the impact of your decision to our lives. We hope and pray that you can be influential in helping us to protect our quality of life. We anxiously await your review!

W!

Robert & Dorothy Aversano

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman 2/12/2023 DOCKET # FD-36575

Dear Sir

I am a high functioning adult who has Aspergers syndrome and disabled. I am home a lot and I am scared of the toxic material that will be in the air and could get into our water as well. Could you please see what you can do to stop Carlson Corp Freight Yard from getting approval from your office.it would be a great thing you would do to help all the people of our community. God please you and I hope you see what I say is true. We have enough poison in the air throughout many neighborhoods

Thank You

Daniel IJadi

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Commack NY 11725

Walter Ebe
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Fort Salonga, New
York 11768

February 11, 2023

Danielle Gosselin, Director
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Opposition to Townline Rails Terminal, LLC
Hamlet of Kings Park, Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, New
York Docket Number: FD36575

Dear Ms. Gosselin:

The Townline Rails Terminal LLC plans to build a train yard and several freight rails in our residential neighborhood. As a long time community resident close to the project, I know many railcars will be loaded and unloaded, many with toxic garbage ash. This project has no place in the area of this densely populated residential community that surrounds the project. This objection is especially true given that the planned intensive operations will occur late at night through early morning, disrupting residents with their rest and sleep.

I am a U.S. Air Force Disabled American Vietnam War Veteran who has lived in my current home with my wife in Fort Salonga for nearly 50 years. We have raised four children here who are now married and now live in neighborhoods within five miles of our home. Between the four of my children, they have raised my 10 grandchildren. The children still attend schools in our area and participate in team sports in outdoor fields in our area. My entire family will be exposed to the dangers of this project. This is unacceptable.

From an environmental and humanitarian standpoint, the project is a mistake. Incredibly, a recharge basin filtering water for Long Island's only water supply (underground aquifer) stands about thirty feet from the proposed site. The population of Long Island stands to be poisoned by the toxic garbage ash contamination of the water supply. Agencies have not conducted a complete environmental impact study. Private family homes also exist only yards away from this poisonous pit of garbage ash, dust, dirt, diesel fuel stench, intolerable noise, and artificial light. Thousands of other homes are less than a mile away.

Schools operate within walking distances of the project's site. The neighboring communities already suffer from statistically significant increases in childhood leukemia, and the area is already overburdened with a garbage recycling plant.

I opposed this ill-conceived, poorly planned, and dangerous railroad project. Please refrain from approving any documentation that allows permission for its advancement.

Sincerely,

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Walter Ebe

26 Josephine Lane
Fort Salonga, N.Y. 11768
February 11, 2023

The Honorable Martin J.
Oberman Chairman Surface
Transportation Board 395 E
street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket NO. FD_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman;

I live with my elderly parents near the Carlson Corps property. We are incredibly upset and worried about the proposed sale to Carlsoncorp.

This property is located in a federally designated deep recharge area of a sole source aquifer. If this is compromised by the leakage of hazardous materials it would affect the drinking water for all of Long Island.

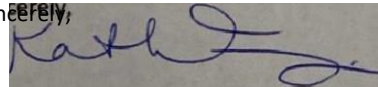
The existence of a freight yard will also bring the following woes:

Sound pollution
Light pollution
Air pollution

As a survivor of a violent crime, living out here with my parents has been a balm to my soul, mainly for the peace and quiet, unlike where I was brutally attacked in the five boroughs. I find almost any industrial noise at night to be extremely triggering, and I wake up in a panic that I am being assaulted again. Knowing that my safe haven might be taken away from us is incredibly distressful, and my post-traumatic stress disorder has flared up to the point where I need to take more medication than I normally would.

In addition, our neighborhood is home to many elderly people, all with various health conditions. Please do not take away their slice of happiness and comfort in their final years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kathleen Fais", written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Kathleen Fais

26 Josephine Lane

Fort Salonga, N.Y.

11768

February 11, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman

Chairman

Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket NO. FD_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman;

My family and I are living close to Carlson Corps property, within one half mile.

This property will become a freight rail terminal. The zoning would be changed to Heavy Industry Zoning which would allow the regional freight terminal.

I strongly object to this change happening! The air pollution from diesel fumes and dust, the water infiltration of our aquifer, the noise day and night, and the light pollution at night will affect and occur in our neighborhood and on our property.

There are many health concerns involved. I have environmental allergies, my husband's health is weakened by Lyme Disease, and our daughter's allergies will also be affected. My husband and I are seniors and are susceptible to health problems which worsen with these conditions.

Please help us by not allowing the current zoning to be changed.

Sincerely,

Lillian Fais

Richard and Jacqueline Fanelli
2 Wesleyan Road
Commack, NY 11725
RFanelli1189@yahoo.com

February 12, 2023

The Honorable Martin J Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No FD 36575

Dear Honorable Oberman,

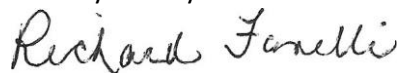
It is with great concern that we request your reconsideration in approving the above-mentioned docket. The area is already overburdened by many sources of pollution. Within a five-mile radius we are exposed to toxic pollution from the Northport Power Plant, the Huntington (Covanta) Incinerator, the medical waste incinerators at the Northport VA and St. Catherine's Hospitals, several capped landfills and their methane venting systems, and a cornucopia of businesses that add more pollutants from sand mining, concrete crushing, and asphalt production. There are the emissions from the numerous trucks that serve the businesses in the area and the emissions from the LIRR diesel trains. The property is in a federally designated deep recharge area of a sole source aquifer. If this highly sensitive area of the aquifer is compromised by the leakage of hazardous materials it would affect the drinking water for all of Long Island.

Additionally, this railroad spur and a regional freight rail terminal would be extremely disruptive to the community at large; residential homes are within feet of the proposed project and there are elementary schools and a nursing home in proximity, as well. Property values would decrease.

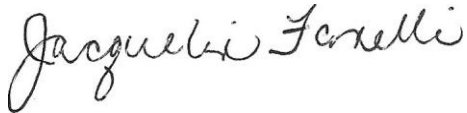
The Town of Smithtown would need to change the existing zoning on the site to make this proposal even possible. A change to Heavy Industry Zoning would set a precedent in the Old Northport Light Industrial area. Once Carlsoncorp receives the zoning change from Light Industry/Residential to Heavy Industry to accommodate this regional freight rail terminal it is likely that other businesses in the area will also make similar zoning change requests. The negative effects would be endless.

Furthermore, the community was not afforded the opportunity to be advised of these plans from the onset. We are asking that you consider the same important question: would you approve of this railroad spur and freight rail terminal in your own backyard, your own community?

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Richard Fanelli". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Richard" and last name "Fanelli" clearly legible.

Richard and Jacqueline Fanelli



46 Cross Bow Lane

Commack, NY 11725

February 12, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman

Chairman

Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street SW

Washington, DC 20423

Re: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No FD 36575

Dear Honorable Mr. Oberman,

My family and I have lived in Commack, New York for over 4 decade and love our community. It is a warm, beautiful, earthy and strong residential area that has it's share of heavy industrial facilities in our backyard. There is a Power plant, Solid Waste Incinerator, Medical waste incinerator, sand mining operation, concrete crushing facility, asphalt production and several trucking businesses which burden our local small residential roads and distribute our share of ground and air pollutes.

It is my judgement, as a Registered New York State Architect, who has constructed Solid Waste Facilities, Transfer Stations, prepare and been involved in Environmental Impact Assessment that the request to build a railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal on 140 Old Northport Road, Kings Park is an abomination of the land use in our community. The property is zoned light industrial/residential with the Town of Smithtown and located in a federally deep recharge area.

Just based on those points alone, full environmental studies, traffic studies, life safety studies should be required prior to any consideration of the construction of this type of facility. Based on my knowledge, this type of facility should not, cannot be built in good consciences in this residential community without grave consequence to life as we know it in our community.

I request that you seriously consider rejecting this proposal. If you should consider having a discussion, please do not hesitate to contact me at 631 804-9905.

Thank you,

Maria Galvez-Mesimeris, RA

Danielle Gosselin, Director
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

February 12, 2023

Re: Opposition to Townline Rail Terminal, LLC
Hamlet of Kings Park, Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, NY Docket #
FD36575

We are writing this letter to express my strong opposition to allowing the proposed Townline Rail Terminal Docket #FD36575.

First of all, as resident/property owners at 23 Glen La, Kings Park, NY, it has come as quite a surprise to my family and neighbors to recently hear that 140 old northport rd was a proposed site for a 161 toxic ash-garbage railroad hub. The proposed ash railcars would be 0.6 miles (less than 1 mile) from my property line. I am shocked and somewhat suspicious that as some of the people that would be most affected by this proposal, we have never been notified by anyone from The Town of Smithtown. We have only recently heard of this proposal by word of mouth from our neighbors in Kings Park community.

A primary concern is the health concerns from the 161 railcars being loaded daily with toxic garbage ash. With our houses being so close to the railroad, it is of great concern that the air quality would be destroyed. We have 3 young children ranging in ages 10-15 years old. What will be the health concerns for their young lungs and bodies?

Another issue that also does not seem to be adequately considered is the noise and artificial lights running between the hours of 10:00 pm-5:00 am, when will we sleep? The area was not structured to implement such a railroad hub, with densely populated, residential communities so close to the proposed site.

Finally, what is the environmental impact of the Railroad hub in the proposed area? We have yet to see an Environmental Impact Study! If any information is available, our community should have a right to review the results of such studies.

We reject the Rail Hub!!! Sincerely,

Sharif, 

Sharif, and Tina Hassan

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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman, Chairman February 12, 2023 Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W.

Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD 36575

Dear Mr. Oberman,

I am writing to you over my extreme concern surrounding Carlsoncorp's request to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) to build a railroad spur and a regional freight rail terminal on their property at 140 Old Northport Rd in Kings Park. I live approximately 350 feet from the railroad tracks.

Of greatest concern to me, and I'm sure most troubling to the surrounding community, is how these apparently two (2) year old plans were developed by Toby Carlson (owner of Carlsoncorp), Smithtown Supervisor Edward Wehrheim and Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta without ANY input from the surrounding community. Essentially, the plans were kept secret. Yet, the proposed change in zoning from Light Industrial/Residential to Heavy Industry will have a significant impact on countless homes on Meadow Glen Road, Glen Road and Glen Lane in Kings Park as well as several densely populated residential neighborhoods in Ft. Salonga, Northport, East Northport, Commack, Smithtown, Greenlawn and Elwood.

According to Carlsoncorp's plans, the proposed freight train rail terminal would have freight trains coming and going between 10:00 pm and 5:00 am, while other operations related to loading toxic incinerator ash, aggregates (concrete, building materials, asphalt, etc.) and unloading commodities (new cars, lumber, etc.) will take place anytime throughout the day and night. This freight yard will create several types of pollution: sound (horns, screeching from trains, trucks, forklifts, machinery sounds), light (site must be illuminated at night), air (diesel fumes, dust, particulate matter, etc), water (potential infiltration of the sole source aquifer) and vibrations from the freight trains moving on the tracks.

Carlsoncorp claims that it will decrease truck traffic on our roads by shipping the incinerator ash and aggregates off Long Island via freight train instead of trucks. However, they fail to mention that they have included space for 50 tractor trailers on their site plan and that commodities will be shipped to their site via incoming freight trains for distribution via trucks all over Long Island

The fact that something of this magnitude would be kept from the communities affected diminishes my trust in this company and our elected officials, who intentionally did not share the plans with their constituency. It causes me concern that the stated intent of these changes is not the true long-term intent. These proposed changes will already infringe upon our rights of enjoyment of our homes, and it

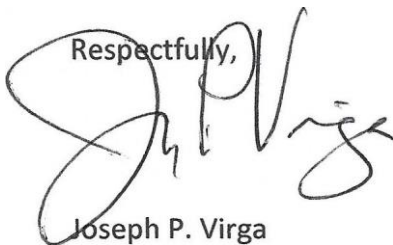
seems that if this plan is allowed to proceed, it will only lead to more changes that further impact the health, safety and rights of homeowners within these townships.

Some additionally and very important points, in support of my request for you to deny this request:

- The Carlsoncorp property is in a federally designated deep recharge area of a sole source aquifer. If this highly sensitive area of the aquifer is compromised by the leakage of hazardous materials, it would affect the drinking water for all Long Island.
- The property is located near many schools, playgrounds, ball fields and nursing homes. Children, the elderly and people with lung conditions and allergies are particularly sensitive to these pollutants likely to be produced should this plan go through.
- The area is already overburdened by many sources of pollution. Within a five (5) mile radius we are exposed to toxic pollution from the Northport Power Plant, the Huntington (Covanta) Incinerator, the medical waste incinerators at the Northport VA and St. Catherine's Hospitals, several capped landfills and their methane venting systems, and a cornucopia of businesses that add more pollutants from sand mining, concrete crushing and asphalt production. There are also the emissions from the numerous trucks that serve the businesses in the area and the emissions from the LIRR diesel trains.
- Potential depreciation of residential property values is a real concern for my neighbors and me. I have no idea, with the numerous regulations and zoning laws in place for this very reason, how anyone would be able to succeed in attempting to run a heavy industrial site directly adjacent to residential communities.

Families move to suburban residential communities to escape heavy industry, crowding, noise, pollution. It seems unfathomable to me that the interests of one businessman, under the guise of serving the community, will outweigh the interests of IOOs, if not 1000s, of families within these local communities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. Virga", written over the word "Respectfully,".

Joseph P. Virga

46 Cross Bow Lane

Commack, NY 11725

February 12, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman

Chairman

Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street SW

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Re: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No FD 36575

Dear Honorable Mr. Oberman,

I am writing this letter concerning the proposal to construct a railroad spur and regional freight terminal on 140 Old Northport Road, Kings Park New York and request the denial of its construction for many reasons.

The property is located near many schools and recreational facilities which I have attended as a local resident. Several of my good friends with asthmas always had difficulty with our outside sports and activities from the heavy pollutants generated by Northport Power Plant and Covanta incinerator. The construction of the new proposed spur and terminal would only exasperate the health concerns in our area. There are approximately 40,000 residents in the Commack School District and another 60,000 residents in local area that would be affected by the construction of this unhealth facility. There are alternatives that should be applied in this case.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Demetrios V. Mesimeris

Medical Student

46 Cross Bow Lane

Commack, NY 11725

February 12, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman

Chairman

Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street SW

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Re: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No FD 36575

Dear Honorable Mr. Oberman,

Please help us stop the proposal to construct a railroad spur and regional freight terminal on 140 Old Northport Road, Kings Park New York from being construction. Carlsoncorp is not an honest operator of many of his organizations and we feel that they will continue to operate any business with violating it operational restrictions.

The proposed freight yard is expected to operate 24 hours a day with horns, screeching trains, idling diesel trucks and a hostess of other loud operational practices. It addition, our concerns are with environmental pollutes to our area and poisoning our sole source aquifers that we depend on for fresh water to drink.

We need your help to stop this project now.

Thank you,

Cristopher G. Mesimeris

46 Cross Bow Lane

Commack, NY 11725

February 12, 2023

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Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street SW

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Re: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No FD 36575

Dear Honorable Mr. Oberman,

It is with grave concern that I am writing this letter concerning the proposal to construct a railroad spur and regional freight terminal on 140 Old Northport Road, Kings Park New York. As a doctor, associated with Stony Brook Hospital and Southshore Hospital, I see my share of the increase cancer in our local area over the last 10 years. In addition, the increase truck traffic passing through our local community roads have increased the amount of serious truck traffic accidents.

I implore that you consider rejecting this proposal as it will not provide any benefit to our local area and only increase the deadly consequence with its association. The owner of this property has showed in the pass, his disregard for local codes, laws and regulation with his operation of the property. This location is not the location to build a railroad spur and freight terminal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,

Dr Vasilios D. Mesimeris

February 11, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman

Chairman

Surface Transportation Board 395 E
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Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD 36575

Dear Mr. Oberman:

It has come to our attention very recently that a project is already underway near our home which gives us great concern as to the secrecy of the project and the effect it may have on our neighborhood; including the following issues:

- The area is already overburdened by many sources of pollution. Within a five-mile radius we are exposed to toxic pollution from the Northport Power Plant, the Huntington (Covanta) Incinerator, the medical waste incinerators at the Northport VA and St. Catherine's Hospitals, several capped landfills and their methane venting systems, and a cornucopia of businesses that add more pollutants from sand mining, concrete crushing and asphalt production. There are the emissions from the numerous trucks that serve the businesses in the area and the emissions from the LIRR diesel trains.
- The property is located within feet of residential homes on Meadow Glen Road, Glen Road and Glen Lane in Kings Park. Additionally, it is in close proximity to several densely populated residential neighborhoods in Ft. Salonga, Northport, East Northport, Commack, Smithtown, Greenlawn and Elwood.
- The property is in a federally designated deep recharge area of a sole source aquifer. If this highly sensitive area of the aquifer is compromised by the leakage of hazardous materials it would affect the drinking water for all of Long Island.
- The property is located near many schools, playgrounds, ball fields and nursing homes. Children, the elderly and people with lung conditions and allergies are particularly sensitive to these pollutants.
- According to Carlsoncorp's plans, the proposed freight train rail terminal would have freight trains coming and going between 10 pm and 5 am, while other operations related to loading toxic incinerator ash, aggregates (concrete, building materials, asphalt, etc.) and unloading commodities (new cars, lumber, etc.) will take place anytime throughout the day and night.
- This freight yard will create several types of pollution: sound (horns, screeching from trains, trucks, forklifts, machinery sounds), light (site must be illuminated at night), air (diesel fumes,

dust, particulate matter, etc.), water (potential infiltration of the sole source aquifer) and vibrations from the freight trains moving on the tracks.

- Carlsoncorp's failure to involve the community in its plans. Even though this plan has been in works for almost two years, Toby Carlson owner of Carlsoncorp, Smithtown Supervisor Edward Wehrheim and Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta have kept this a secret. The community only found out about this project when a story about it by David Ambro appeared in the Smithtown News.

- Potential depreciation of residential property values in the surrounding communities. ●

Increased truck traffic on local streets. Carlsoncorp claims that it will decrease truck traffic on our roads by shipping the incinerator ash and aggregates off Long Island via freight train instead of trucks. However, they fail to mention that they have included space for 50 tractor trailers on their site plan and that commodities will be shipped to their site via incoming freight trains for distribution via trucks all over Long Island, ● For this freight rail terminal to be built, the Town of Smithtown would need to change the existing zoning on the site. A change to Heavy Industry Zoning would set a precedent in the Old Northport Light Industrial area, Once Carlsoncorp receives the zoning change from Light Industry/Residential to Heavy Industry to accommodate this regional freight rail terminal it is likely that other businesses in the area will also make similar zoning change requests.

We are hereby requesting that this project be properly vetted and communicated with the community before any further action is taken.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'The Scholem Family', written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Scholem Family 17

Candy Lane

Commack, NY 11725

Kevin C. Steiger
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631-368-5516

February 12, 2023

The Hon. Martin J. Oberman

Chairman, Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street S.W.

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RE:

STB Decision

Docket No. FD 36575

Dear Mr. Oberman:

It has recently come to my attention that Carlsoncorp is requesting to build a railroad spur and freight tenninal in Kings Park, New York.

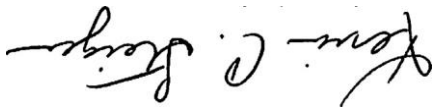
I have been living in my home for over 27 years. The proposed site is located approximately one mile from my house. I chose to live here because it is a safe and quiet neighborhood. Approving Carlsoncorp's request would create a high noise level and, more importantly, create a health hazard from the pollution created by such an operation. As someone with health issues, I am extremely concerned.

In addition, there is a grammar school, a high school, and nursing homes about one mile from the proposed site. It is unconscionable to allow Carlsoncorp to expose thousands of children and elderly to the pollution created by this proposed endeavor.

To conclude, I ask that Carlsoncorp's request be disapproved for the reasons stated above.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


Kevin C. Steiger

Mary Ann Steiger
34 Marshmallow Drive
Commack, NV 11725

631 368-5516

February 12, 2023

The Hon; Martin J. Oberman
Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street S.W.
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RE: STB Decision
Docket No. FD 36575

Dear Mr. Oberman:

I understand that Carlsoncorp is requesting permission from the STB to build a railroad freight yard in Kings Park, New York.

My home is located about a mile from the proposed location. My husband and I chose to purchase our home in 1995 because it is a quiet, residential neighborhood and in a good school district. Allowing Carlsoncorp to continue with this project would be detrimental to the surrounding residential neighborhoods, as well as schools, hospitals, and senior living facilities. It would create air, water, and noise pollution. As a person with health issues, I am concerned that the pollution created would be detrimental.

Please do not allow Carlsoncorp to destroy what is now a beautiful area of Suffolk County. We pay a tremendous amount of property tax for the privilege of living in such a nice community.

Therefore, I ask that you please deny Carlsoncorp's request.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary Ann Steiger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary Ann Steiger

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To The Honorable Martin J. Olberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket
No. FD-36575

I am writing in regards to the Carlson Corp's request to build a railroad spur and a regional freight rail terminal on 140 Old Northport RD in Kings Park, which is located less than a mile from my home. Currently, the area is already burdened by pollution. Within a five mile radius we are exposed to toxic pollution from Northport Power plant, the Huntington Incinerator, the medical waste incinerators at Northport VA & St. Catherine's Hospital, several capped landfills and a cornucopia of business that add more pollutants from sand mining, concrete crushing & asphalt production. The endless caravan of diesel freight trains & container trucks will cause fumes pollution, congestion, & innumerable health risks. The property is located in a federally designated deep recharge area of a sole aquifer. If this highly sensitive area of the aquifer is compromised by the leakage of hazardous materials it would affect the drinking water for all Long Island. For unknown causes Long Island already has a higher rate of cancer. As a cancer survivor (dx at the age of 33) this is very concerning for families in the area.

I was also informed that in order for this freight rail terminal to be built the Town of Smithtown would need to change the existing zoning on the site. A change to Heavy Industry zoning would set a precedent in the Old Northport Light Industrial Area. Once this happens it is likely that other businesses in the area will also make similar zoning change request, potentially depreciating residential property values in the surrounding communities and negatively impacting them. If this is something that you and your family would not want near your home please help by vetoing this project and Carlson Corp's plans.

Concern resident,
Daniel Bachert
8 Candy Lane, Commack.

Howard & Lynn Wib
20 Candy Lane Commack NY 11725

February 11, 2023

The Honorable Martin J Obermen Chairman

Surface Transportation Board

395E Street, S. W
Washington: OC 20423

Re Surface Transportation Board Decision Docket, NO FD 36575

To whom It may concern,

I am writing this letter on behalf of my family to express my concern for the project that is proposed for the railyard area in the industrial park north of our home in COMMACK. We do not want our ground water contaminants. We do not want the dust and pollution that will certainly occur if this project moves forward. Putting a toxic pollution-spewing facility in the midst of a residential area is unfair to the residents and will destroy our way of life and certainly affect out property values. Projects like this need to be placed in industrial areas with no residential properties within 1000 yards. Our community will fight this tooth and nail Our futures, and the futures of our children are at stake.

Our area already is overburdened by numerous other pollution spewing projects, including the Northport Power Plant, The Covanta incinerator, medical waste incinerators at the VA in Northport, as well as the dozen or so businesses at the same site including concrete crushing machinery, asphalt production and the HUNDREDS of trucks that serve these businesses.. ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

Our drinking water will be threatened. as this is a sole-source aquifer region.

Sincerely,

Two handwritten signatures in dark ink, one appearing to be 'Howard' and the other 'Lynn', written in a cursive style.

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Re: Opposition to Townline Rail Terminal, LLC
Hamlet of Kings Park, Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, NY
DOCKET # FD36575

I am in complete and total agreement with the salient points made in this correspondence. In addition, I am steadfastly opposed to this ill-conceived, poorly-planned, and dangerous railroad hub because:

It can devalue the area/neighborhood.

Environmentally not good for the community.

Our community has a lot of children who need their rest and should not be exposed to that kind of pollution.

As a resident of the community that is in close proximity to the proposed Townline Rail Terminal I know that a major rail hub, with 161 railcars being loaded daily with toxic garbage ash, has no place in the densely populated, residential communities that surround the proposed location of this ridiculous railroad suggestion. This is especially so, given that the site will be operated using massive artificial light stanchions between the hours of 10:00 P.M. — 5:00 A.M. WHEN WILL WE SLEEP!

From both an environmental and humanitarian standpoint, the project is absolutely inconceivable. Incredibly, a RECHARGE BASIN filtering water for Long Island's ONLY water supply (underground aquifer) stands a mere TEN YARDS AWAY from the proposed site of this abomination. The entire population of Long Island literally stands to be poisoned by the toxic garbage ash contamination of the water supply! WHERE IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY!

Private family homes also sit only ten yards away from this would-be. toxic pit of garbage ash, dust and dirt, diesel fuel stench, intolerable noise and artificial light. Thousands of other homes are less than a mile away. North Ridge Elementary School sits within walking distance from the site. The neighboring communities already suffer from drastically significant increase in Childhood Leukemia. The area is already overburdened with a garbage recycle plant. I reject the Rail Hub!!!

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