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

Re: Townline Rail Terminal, LLC - Docket Number: FD 36575

February 18, 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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February 14, 2023. From: Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Landau
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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 Mr. Oberman,

My name is Dr. Herbert Landau. My wife and I live in Ft. Salonga, NY, about 250 yards from the proposed project to build a railroad spur and a regional freight rail terminal at 140 Northport Rd in Kings Park, NY. I am a lung cancer survivor. This proposed project would be a direct threat to my health as well as those in the area suffering from respiratory disorders.

The area is already overburdened by many sources of pollution. This includes the Northport Power Plant, The Huntington (Coventa) Incinerator, several capped landfills and the LIRR diesel trains. The property is located near many schools, playgrounds, and nursing homes.

This freight yard will create several types of pollution, sound from horns, trains, trucks and machinery. 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 deleterious precedent that would allow other businesses in the area to make similar zoning change requests.

Your attention to this vital matter is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Dr. Herbert Landau

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February 15, 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

I am steadfastly opposed to this ill-conceived, poorly planned and dangerous railroad hub. I understand that Long Island is facing an impending garbage crisis but there are many, many other location options on Long Island that are more appropriate, better suited and don't endanger residents or destroy their quality of life.

As a resident of the community, I am in close proximity to the proposed Townline Rail Terminal, I know that a major rail hub, with 161 rail cars being loaded and unloaded daily with toxic garbage ash, has no place in our densely populated, residential community that surrounds the proposed location. Not to mention the site will be operated using massive artificial light stanchions between the hours of 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM. Additionally, these incoming train cars will not arrive empty. This would make no financial sense. The owner has already indicated that the trains will transport in, lumber, autos/trucks, building supplies, other construction material. This will result in continuous noise and light pollution throughout the night. There will also be an increase of truck traffic added to our already overburdened local roadways to move all this material.

From both an environmental and humanitarian standpoint, the project is absolutely inconceivable. Incredibly, a recharge basin which filters water for Long Island's ONLY water supply (underground aquifer) stands just below the proposed site. The entire population of Long Island literally stands to be poisoned by the toxic garbage ash contamination in our water supply.

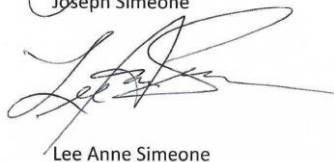
WHERE IS THE ENVIROMENTAL IMPACT STUDY???

Private family homes also sit only a few yards away from this would be toxic operation 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 a significantly increased risk of (various) cancer incidences. As it is, the area is already overburdened with a garbage recycling plant and incinerator.

PLEASE DENY THE APPLICATION OF THIS TYPE OF FACILITY AT THIS LOCATION!!!



Joseph Simeone



Lee Anne Simeone

James LoDolce
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February 17, 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

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman:

I am writing this letter to state my opposition to the request by Carlsoncorp to build a railroad spur and a regional freight rail terminal on their property at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park. It has only recently come to the attention of myself and my neighbors that this project was being considered. I am angered that as a tax paying resident of the Town of Smithtown, neither I nor my neighbors were informed or notified by anyone of this project. I am angered that Carlsoncorp, Smithtown Supervisor Edward Wehrheim and Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta all have been less than forthcoming with information to the residents of the area. This project has been in the works for over 2 years. That gave those spearheading the project plenty of time to ask for the input of all residents. Failure to notify residents gives us little time to organize and have our concerns not only addressed but considered when proposals and paperwork are being submitted and reviewed in order to move this project forward. For instance, it gave us little time to address the very request submitted to you by Carlsoncorp that I am writing to you about today.

I have been a resident in Commack for 25 years. I purchased my home because of what the immediate area had to offer such as good schools, a quiet, peaceful neighborhood and a great quality of life to raise a family. I relocated here because the area where I lived was more congested and noisier.

Within feet of the proposed railroad spur is a residential area and not far from that are many other densely populated residential neighborhoods. One of those neighborhoods is in Commack where my family and I reside. There are schools, playgrounds, sport fields and nursing homes within close proximity of the proposed site. Within those communities are residents, including children and the elderly, with various health issues and allergies, who would be negatively impacted by the pollutants that would occur if this proposal should move forward.

Not only has Long Island been overburdened by many sources of pollution but so has the immediate area to the proposed site for the railroad spur and a regional freight rail terminal. In the vicinity of Commack, we are exposed to toxic pollution from the Northport Power Plant, the Huntington Incinerator, the medical incinerators at the Northport VA and St. Catherine's Hospitals, several capped landfills and their methane venting systems and a slew of businesses that add more pollutants from sandmining, concrete crushing and asphalt production. My home backs up to Indian Head Road where there is a flow of trucks that service many of the businesses that I mentioned. These trucks are often loud and emit smells as they travel along the roadway. You can already hear the sound of the trains as they travel along the existing track of the Long Island Railroad. I remember when homes just to the north of us had issues with their wells because of a plume of polluted water that had seeped into the

wells contaminating their drinking water. To allow this project to move forward will only increase these types of pollution. They will adversely affect the quality of life of all those living in the surrounding areas. Freight trains noisily coming and going during the night. The glow of the extra lighting needed to allow night work to take place. The sounds of loading and unloading cargo from the freight trains. And of course, there is always the concern of pollutants seeping into the ground water.

Another issue of concern that Carlsoncorp has failed to mention is the space allotted in their plans for 50 tractor trailers. Their intentions are to have commodities shipped to their site via incoming freight trains for distribution via trucks all over Long Island. Again, another issue that would increase truck traffic on local streets, noise and air pollution. Indian Head Road already has a heavy flow of truck traffic which services the businesses in the area. Adding more would negatively impact all residents.

One issue that is of great concern is in the news currently. The train derailment in Ohio. Issues like this need to be considered when proposing such a project in a highly populated residential area. The movement of toxic incinerator ash, concrete, building materials asphalt, etc. through the area all pose a threat to the environment on a regular basis. Bringing in unknown commodities to be unloaded at this site for distribution all over Long Island also poses even more potential environmental problems. But to also have to factor in a possible accident on the site that would be devastating to the community needs to be taken into consideration as well.

Residents will need to be concerned about the adverse effect of having such a project move forward. Not only will it affect people's quality of life, but it will negatively impact the value of our homes. Who would want to live in an area with all of the noise, air and land pollution that will come along with a project such as this? We moved into the area because of all the positive things that Commack had to offer. A project like this does not belong in a high-density residential area such as this. This area was not meant to be the gateway to an area that would need to be rezoned as a heavy industry zone.

Please consider the concerns and input of the residents who live within a small radius of the proposed railroad spur and a regional freight rail terminal when reviewing Carlsoncorp's request.

It is sadly obvious that Toby Carlson of Carlsoncorp, Smithtown Supervisor Edward Wehrheim and Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta have failed to do so.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James LoDolce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, prominent "J" and "L".

James LoDolce

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
35 E Street S.W.
Washington DC 20423

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

Dear Sir,

I am a resident of the township of Smithtown, New York. Recently I learned of Carlsoncorp's plan to build a regional freight rail terminal on their property on Old Northport Road in nearby Kings Park, New York. This plan has been in the works for almost two years but was kept hidden from the area residents. If this plan wasn't exposed in the Smithtown News by David Ambro, our community would still be in the dark.

I am not opposed to freight trains, but I am opposed to a regional freight rail terminal being built a mere stone's throw from residential homes in Kings Park and in close proximity to several densely populated residential neighborhoods in Ft. Salonga, Northport, East Northport, Commack, Greenlawn, Elwood and Smithtown.

Our area is already overburdened by many sources of pollution. Within a 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.

Enough is enough!

Now that I am aware of this ill-conceived plan, I want to strongly express my opposition to the Carlsoncorp's proposed regional freight rail terminal also known as "Townline Rail Terminal, LLC".
Sincerely,

rely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Irene Dinerstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Irene" and last name "Dinerstein" clearly legible.

Irene Dinerstein
16 Cross Bow Lane
Commack, NY 11725

February 13, 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 am writing this letter to express strong opposition to CarlsonCorp.'s request to build a railroad spur and freight rail terminal (Townline Rail Terminal) in Kings Park, New York.

The Townline Rail Terminal will be a detriment to the quality of life of the residents that live next to and near the proposed Townline Rail Terminal.

There will be air pollution (diesel fumes, dust, etc.) and noise pollution which will greatly affect the residents and the residential community.

Just imagine trying to go to sleep or being asleep and all of a sudden a freight train blows its horn, having the vibrations of the freight train moving on the tracks, and then the freight train screeches to a stop. There is the noise of trucks, forklifts unloading freight from the freight train. There are some trucks that make a beeping noise when backing up.

The change from the light industrial zone to heavy industrial should not be allowed. If the light industrial zone is changed to heavy industrial other businesses may make similar zoning change requests thus allowing more development of heavy industrial businesses in the area.

There are families who moved from Queens, New York City and Brooklyn to the suburbs of Suffolk County to have a better quality of life and to enjoy the peace and tranquility of the suburbs.

I hope that you will take the aforementioned concerns into consideration when making your decision.

Thank you for allowing me to provide input with regard to this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathleen O'Malley
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New York 11754

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February 14, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman

Surface Transportation
Board Washington, D.C.
20423 395 E Street, S.W.

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

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The property is located near many schools, playgrounds, ball fields and nursing homes and residential neighborhoods in Ft. Salonga, Northport, East Northport, Commack, Smithtown, Greenlawn and Elwood. Children, and the elderly with lung conditions and allergies are particularly sensitive to pollutants and this is a federally designated deep recharge area of a sole source aquifer. If this aquifer is compromised by the leakage of hazardous materials, it would affect the drinking water for all Long Island.

Toby Carlson owner of Carlsoncorp, Smithtown Supervisor Edward Wehrheim and Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta have kept this a secret. They have failed to involve the community in its plans, even though these plans have been in the works for almost two years and the community only found out about this project when a story was written by David Ambro in the Smithtown News.

This new plan will depreciation residential property values in the surrounding communities and Increased truck traffic on local streets. Carlsoncorp claims that it will decrease truck traffic, how is that possible? 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.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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February 15, 2023

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

**RE: Opposition to Townline Rail Terminal, LLC
Kings Park, Town of Smithtown Suffolk County NY
DOCKET# FD_36575**

As a resident of the community that is in close proximity to the planned Rail terminal, I am very concerned with the proposed one hundred and sixty one (161) rail cars being filled with toxic chemicals, garbage, ash etc. The noise of moving freight trains will be all day and night. The overall odor and pollution will also create an increased health risk for the nearby community.

My backyard has a water recharge basin (county S9). This basin goes about 10 yds from the proposed site. Mr. Carlson has been known for illegal activities. Recently property at 65 meadow glen Rd was once a 1112 square foot single family home, surrounded by trees. The trees have been all removed and the home was crushed & buried. This property is backed up to the same county S9 sump. This can't be good for our underground aquifer. The DEC needs to look into this and a full environmental impact study needs to be done. I cannot believe this was waived by your department.

The smell is already so bad from the so called "organic mulch", I never had allergies in the past, now since this being done, I've been having allergy issues. Mr. Carlson claims there will be less trucks, yet he plans to also have a truck depot. He owns 50 + tractor trailers which will also be brought to our neighborhood, more diesel particulates.

The taxes we pay now are very high. This will make our homes hard to sell and devalue them greatly. This will ruin our neighborhood. Please don't approve this!

Sincerely,
Eleanor Kane

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February 13, 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 Sir:

I am writing to your board to voice my opinion regarding the Carlsoncorp's request to build a railroad spur and a regional freight terminal on their property at 140 Old Northport Road, Kings Park, NY. I am opposed to this proposal at the present time on several grounds. It is my understanding that our local county legislator, Mr. Trotta and Town Supervisor, My Wehrheim have written to support this project. But they certainly don't seem to represent neither my community nor me. This project has been stealthily in the planning stages for almost two years but neither the Carlsoncorp nor our local politicians have bothered to inform the local present affected (East Northport, Commack, Kings Park, Fort Salonga, Northport, Smithtown, Greenlawn and Elwood) nor have they sought to promote any community input. This is a travesty. Fortunately, I found out about it through my subscription to a local community newspaper. I cannot understand why the Carlsoncorp and the Smithtown Board have failed to see community input. If I were to seek a zoning variance for a modification to my house or property, I would have to post a large sign on my property as well as inform my neighbors by certified mail. Certainly, a zoning modification is needed for the Carlsoncorp property. If this rail spur and freight terminal were needed at this location, why would they keep it a secret.

Second, the purpose of this rail spur and freight terminal is supposedly to ship incinerator ash from the nearby Covanta Incinerator to a new disposal site out of state since the present landfill accepting ash is slated to close in a year or two. Have the local politicians who are supporting this proposal examined any alternatives? Since they haven't made any attempt to make the community aware of this proposal not to solicit input and involvement, I would conclude that NO, they have not considered any alternatives to the Carlsoncorp project. Why not? (I would love to know how much Toby Carlson, his aforementioned politicians as they ran for office.)

The site where Carlsoncorp wants to build its freight yard is already overburdened by the pollution from the incinerator itself and all the local refuse pick-up trucks going to the incinerator as well as numerous diesel particulate spewing trucks from the concrete, asphalt and other industrial businesses located adjacent to the Carlson property. This Carlsoncorp project is not an altruistic community benefitting proposal of shipping ash from the incinerator, but rather an ambitious money-making proposition of being a regional trucking and freight rail magnate adding pollution and particulate matter to an already overburdened community.

Third, incinerator ash disposal is not just a local Smithtown problem but a Long Island regional problem. One alternative that seems to make more sense is the Winter Brothers freight yard that is located on 230 acres of land in Yaphank, NY. The 228 acres of land is in a much less populated area and Winter Brothers has indicated it will keep almost 70 acres of that property (almost the size of the entire Carlsoncorp property) undeveloped and unused and just leave it as a green space buffer. The Covanta incinerator presently disposes of its ash at the Brookhaven landfill – it would be a lateral maneuver for them to take the ash to the Winter Brothers freight yard in Yaphank thus creating a harmonious solution for all communities involved. The closest neighbor to the Yaphank property would NOT be just a few hundred feet away from the sound pollution of train horns, screeching train brakes, forklifts, backup light beeping, machinery, vibrations from freight trains moving on the track, etc. Nor would it be a few hundred feet from 12 hours of night lighting, diesel fumes and particulate matter. It would be many acres away.

In conclusion, I believe that the proposed Carlsoncorp proposal for a rail spur and freight transfer station is totally premature and inappropriate. The development of the proposal avoided community awareness as well as community input. It appears that not much thought has been given to other alternatives. If thought has been given, then why not were we so informed? Ash disposal is a regional issue affecting many Long Island towns. Why aren't they getting together to create a regional solution?

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Feigelson

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February 13, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
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Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

Dear Sir:

This proposal site is not only located very close to residential homes and many neighborhoods, but also in a federally designated deep recharge area of a sole source aquifer. I'm sure that you are aware that if there is a mishap or act of nature or God that causes leakage of hazardous material at this site, it would affect the quality of the drinking water for much of Long Island.

I am also very concerned that by the nature of the Carlsoncorp proposal, diesel freight trains and diesel spewing tractor trailer trucks will be coming and going throughout the night, disrupting the sleep of both adults and children who live in the neighboring communities. Carlsoncorp claims that there will be less polluting truck traffic on our local streets. I don't see how that is possible since they have included space for 50 tractor trailer trucks on the site plan. These 50 diesel and particulate matter spewing trucks that can make multiple trips throughout the day and night will be delivering commodities such as concrete, building materials, new automobiles, lumber and other materials which will have been brought by freight trains to the transfer station to locations all over Long Island. These diesel trucks must use local roads to get to the expressway, traveling through local neighborhoods with residential homes, schools, and nursing homes negatively affecting the air we breathe. As a senior citizen who lives very close to this project site, I am very concerned about the negative impact this truck traffic will have on my health and the health of the many children living in the area.

I am sure there are other more suitable sites for a rail spur and freight transfer station that would not impact so many communities. I urge you to deny the Carlsoncorp request.

Respectfully yours,

Judy Feigelson
Judy Feigelson

Dear The honorable Martin J. Olberman,

My name is Natalia Metzger and I live on Candy Lane in Commack. My older two daughters have also sent you letters in hopes of you voting "no" to converting our local area to heavy industrial zoning.

Our whole neighborhood is called the Candy Section because the streets are Candy, Caramel, Marshmallow, Coconut and Peppermint. It's strange but cute. There are many families that live here with their small children. All of these small kids enjoying their backyard... playing in the yard. I don't want to have to limit their time outside because I'm worried about the chemical levels in the air because freight trains are carrying more and more dangerous cargo. I don't want to have to wonder if our choice to live here will make our youngest daughter's already bad asthma worse.

People live here. We put all of our savings and hopes and dreams into growing roots in a town with a good school district and strong sense of community. It's not a decision any of us took lightly. Please take us into consideration as you make this choice.

Sincerely,

Natalia Metzger

12 Candy Lane Commack

Dear The Honorable Martin J. Olberman,

My name is Aria Metzger I'm 8 years old. I live on Candy Lane in Commack. I have heard that you are the person who will be aproving building a railroad spur and a regional freight rail terminal on the property at 140 Old Northport Rd in Kings Park a little bit less than a mile away from my home. I would very much apriciate it if you said NOT to build it. I will give you a few reasons to do so. One reason is, it will be so noisy causing the out come of me and my sisters (Sarina and Laila) not being able to focus and sleep. Another reason is, my sister Sarina who is only 3 years old has asthma so some of the chemicals coming from the trucks could get into the air that we breath and make really sick. My third and finally reason is, the area is already overburdened by many sources of pollution. Withen a five mile radius we are exposed to toxic pollution from the Northport Power Plant. So, in conclusion I think you should say not to build this tracks.



From your
hopeful
friend
- Aria Metzger

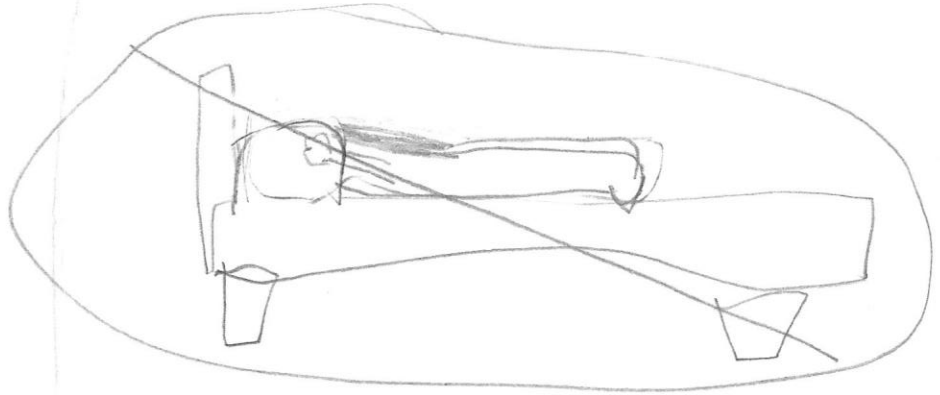
Smoke in lungs!



Noise!

Name Laila

Age: 6



chemicals in the air!



pleez no trains.



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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman.

I am writing to protest against the proposed industrial rail terminal at the Meadow Glen Road by Pulaski Road in Northport. This development will change the zoning of this area from light industrial to full heavy industrial activity without our knowledge, input or consent. It will be bringing in toxic ash, construction and demolition debris. If this goes through it will subject the residential communities of Commack, East Northport, Northport and Fort Salonga to constant truck traffic, diesel engines idling all day, air pollution from fumes, light pollution i.e. all the effects of increased garbage disposal and industrial activity.

This is not only a quality of life issue, it also threatens the actual health of the people and the surrounding natural environment. These communities have not been advised of this plan, and will face the inevitable decline of the values of their homes. No provisions have been made for all these negative impacts.

As a lifelong resident and recent college graduate I had intended to reside in this community and invest in a home. However, I see many threats to the quality of life here and this rail/garbage disposal project is the most serious of all. Therefore, I ask you to reconsider and reject this ill considered plan.

Sincerely yours,
Erik Lea 317 Bread and Cheese Hollow Road, Northport

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I grew up in Fort Salonga and am now working as a nurse at Mather Hospital In Port Jefferson. My husband and I were planning to buy a home in the Northport area, however I see many threats to the quality of life and am seriously reconsidering this notion. I will be searching for a community that values its residents. As a result I ask you to reconsider and reject this plan.

Sincerely yours,
Ingrid Lea 317 Bread and Cheese Hollow Road,
Northport

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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,

As a resident of the Fort Salonga-Northport area, I am appalled by the proposal to build a new rail line comprised of two massive buildings and five railroad tracks with a 617 freight car capacity. These trains will haul ash, construction and demolition debris and add thousands of pounds of pollutants to our area.

The proposed train yard will only be five hundred feet from the established residential neighborhood of Kings Park and very close to homes in Fort Salonga, East Northport and Commack affecting thousands of residents. Community members have been blindsided by this outlandish proposal and were never informed by our elected officials of any of this. Our health is at risk as Townline Rail was able-**somehow**- to receive a waiver to forgo a full environmental impact statement.

We are near a deep recharge area for Long Island's sole source aquifer and will undoubtedly suffer many health impacts from this ill-conceived plan. The Carlson Corporation is building something far more than is needed to carry ash away from the Covanta facility and we, in our area and beyond, will be made to suffer for it.

Please for the sake of thousands of people whose lives will be adversely affected, reconsider this plan. We are already prone to high cancer rates and must stop adding more pollutants to the environment. We only need to look at the recent rail disaster in Ohio to see where our future lies if this scheme comes to pass.

Sincerely yours,
Nigel Lea 317 Bread and Cheese Hollow Road, Northport, NY

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Lois Nelson 317 Bread and Cheese Hollow Road, Northport,
NY