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

March 26, 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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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
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March 25, 2023

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

Dear Chairman Oberman,

I live in Kings Park and I am vehemently opposed to the establishment of a regional freight train terminal by the Carlson Corporation that will negatively impact the surrounding areas of Kings Park, Northport, Commack and Fort Salonga. It's inconceivable to me that the Carlson Corporation would attempt to impose this terminal on the community that will bring noise, trucks coming and going, in view of the tragedy in East Palestine, Ohio that has rendered the community to sickness, tainted water and dead animals. There is so much of community support for healthy communities, cleaning up trash and the environment that I am saddened that the Carlson Corporation turns a blind eye to how much communities do not want interference by large corporations that only want to cash in whatever way they can, without thought.

I've driven by and have seen that the Carlson Corporation has already begun building and have ignored the concerns of the surrounding communities. So much for their review and research among those who will be deeply impacted by this intrusion. The Carlson Corporation does not care nor regard any of the community's concerns and will eventually continue to impose this on us.

But I am asking the Ceo of the Carlson Corporation to reconsider and think about one thing. Would he want this in an area where his mother, father, aunts, uncles, siblings live? My guess would be a big NO! Put yourself in the shoes of those who moved there wanting a better life for their families and who now have to put up with smells and sounds of a regional freight train terminal that, by all odds, does not belong, and will affect their lives in more ways than none.

Count me in among those who oppose this outrageous infringement on our rights as home dwellers, and I hope and pray that this will go away without impact to those who care and who live in the area.

Sincerely,
Joan Amato

March 26, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman
Surface Transportation Board

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

Dear Sir:

I write to voice my concerns with the proposed Carlson Corp's freight rail terminal. Like many residents, I only became aware of this proposal a few short months ago. I am unaware of any community input. I have concerns regarding its potential impact on health and quality of life for nearby existing residents.

The proposed yard is located within feet of homes in the town of King's Park. It is in close proximity to residential neighborhoods from the surrounding communities of Fort Salonga, Northport, East Northport, Commack, Smithtown, Greenlawn, and Elwood. It is near schools, playgrounds, ballfields, and nursing homes. It is located near a federally designated deep recharge area of a sole source aquifer. One has to question the potential for pollution from this proposed endeavor. The residential communities are already burdened by sources of pollution from nearby incinerators, landfills, and construction related businesses.

Is it truly the proper location for a rail terminal, especially if existing zoning would need to be changed to Heavy Industrial, in order to accommodate it? The recent catastrophe in East Palestine, Ohio, in which freight train cars derailed, ignited and caused an evacuation of 2,000 residents, only heightens the concerns with the proposed freight yard with respect to its close proximity to residential neighborhoods and the aquifer.

Another concern with the rail terminal centers on truck traffic. It is proposed that toxic ash and aggregates will be hauled away via freight train. And incoming freight cars will be bearing goods and commodities to be unloaded at the yard and distributed via trucks all over Long Island. Our local roads and residential areas were not built for this increased truck traffic with all its attendant noise and pollution. I live near Indian Head Road and the traffic noise and number of accidents is already concerning. School buses use this road to bring students to the local high school, intermediate school, elementary schools and the middle school across town. Increased truck traffic and school buses sharing the same road is not in the best interests of local families who chose to live here before this proposal.

It is my understanding that there are other proposals for removing ash off Long Island. Hence, the Carlson Corp proposal in King's Park is not the last resort with respect to the issue of garbage removal.

I have heard the argument that some people will have to bear the brunt of this project for "the greater good of the community." I would caution against this edict. Perhaps with more thought, there can be a better solution without sacrificing one another's' health and home.

Thank you for consideration of this matter,

Claire Scanlon -Kohlroser
45 Half Hollow Rd
Commack, NY 11725

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

March 22, 2023

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

Dear Chairman Oberman,

I am writing to express my frustration upon learning about the proposed CarlsonCorp Freight Yard Project.

This would have a tremendous impact on our residential area.

This freight yard will create several types of pollution:

SOUND POLLUTION-Horns, Screeching from Trains, Trucks, Forklifts backing up, Machinery sounds

There are people sleeping in their houses mere FEET From this proposed site.

LIGHT POLLUTION-the site will be illuminated all night

Again- There are people trying to sleep their houses mere FEET From this proposed site.

AIR POLLUTION-Diesel fumes, dust, particulate matter, smells

Again- There are people trying to live and play in their yards mere FEET From this proposed site.

WATER POLLUTION-Potential infiltration of the sole source aquifer

This would affect water quality on Long Island

I live on Pups Path and am awoken every morning between 6:30-7AM due to the sound of heavy trucks. Now this will go on all night??!!

There will definitely be increased heavy truck traffic on our local streets---there are 2 schools on Townline Road...the heavy trucks will now be mixing in with the School Bus traffic and other light trucks going to the area to create even more traffic---and it will be slowed to a crawl due to the increased heavy trucking traffic!

Carlsoncorp claims it will decrease traffic on our roads by removing 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.

I cannot imagine how our local streets will be able to handle this additional heavy truck traffic thru our neighborhoods. This is very upsetting.

Sincerely,
Dawn Aitchison
4 Pups Path
Northport
Dawna20@verizon.net

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This would have a tremendous impact on our residential area.

This freight yard is located within feet of residential homes!

There are Schools, Playgrounds, Ball fields and Nursing Homes.

There will be an increase in **AIR POLLUTION**-Diesel fumes, dust, particulate matter, smells

There are people trying to live and play in their yards mere FEET From this proposed site.

The proposed site is 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!

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Grant Aitchison
4 Pups Path
Northport

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This would have a tremendous NEGATIVE impact on our residential area.

This freight yard is located within feet of residential homes!

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Negative Impacts:

Traffic

Water quality damage

Sounds overnight

Smells

Depreciation of Property Values in the area

Zoning change to HEAVY INDUSTRY ZONING—in the middle of residential neighborhoods???!!!!

What are the Positive impacts?

Less heavy trucks on the LIE removing waste??? –but increased heavy trucks thru Commack and Northport-more traffic than ever! Carlsoncorp claims it will decrease traffic on our roads by removing 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.

What is positive about this project?

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Sincerely,

Julie Aitchison
4 Pups Path
Northport

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Re: Townline Rail Terminal, LLC - Docket Number: FD 3657

March 22, 2023

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The 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. There are the emissions from the numerous trucks that serve the businesses in the area and the emissions from the LIRR Diesel trains.

Now with this project for proposed work at night we will just be a complete stinky noisy congested mess day and night!

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Michael Aitchison
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Northport

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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman,

I have been a resident of the lovely and peaceful community of Fort Salonga for nearly 45 years. I am writing to express my opposition to the Freight Train Rail Terminal.

This project is being built bordering a residential area of a neighborhood where children live and play. There is a health risk associated with diesel exhaust polluting our air, and a health risk with incinerated ash that will be loaded on diesel trains, (potentially unknown materials are burned in the ash).

The rail spurs will be located directly behind residential homes with children. Diesel trains are to operate between 10pm and 5am when children are supposed to be sleeping (and many adults as well). This all will impact the quality of life of the surrounding residential neighborhoods, in addition to the noise nuisance it will present in the evening, the vibration and rumbling of the ground, as well as the additional pollutants that we are already overburdened with. This project can also impact the aquifer that supplies Long Island's water. There will have to be some type of crossing and there will be much traffic on the main road of this residential area. The property value will definitely go down. Fort Salonga and the surrounding neighborhoods that we all love so much, will unfortunately and sadly be seeing their demise.

A very informative and important article to read is in the Journal of community health. The article is called "Respiratory Health Risks for Children Living Near a Major Railyard". The website with the article is <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4703713/>

The Smithtown News says that there was no opposition to this project, however, that is because the public was never formally informed.

I am hoping our elected officials will help us in this fight. This project poses an environmental and health risk. Please stand with us as we oppose Townline Rail Terminal.

Thank you,

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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman,

I only recently became aware of the above referenced petition approximately four weeks ago, when an article appeared in a local newspaper, the Smithtown News. Local government officials knew of this project for approximately a year, if not longer, yet never advised the community of this significant proposal. This is a project that will severely affect the residents in the orbit around this proposed regional freight rail yard.

According to the four corners of the November 17, 2022 petition, this regional train yard will have five tracks totaling 9,400 feet, two buildings totaling 100,000 square feet, and a 161-freight car capacity totaling 10,456 feet of train. These trains will be hauling not only ash, but unassociated construction & demolition debris and aggregates. It notes that Townline is willing to accept a common carrier obligation and to "hold out" to provide rail service to the public at large. According to the petitioner, there will also remain an area that will be used for an existing fleet of 50 trucks already operating on the site. If approved, Townline's proposed line intends to serve as a truck-rail transloading facility which will allow companies to move the longest leg of transport by hauling via rail and then moving the items to a truck when closer to the delivery.

Although the petitioner and Town Supervisor Ed Wehrheim continue to utter there will be only one train per day, for five days, the duly sworn petition does not support this claim. The language is clear, "Townline will interchange with NYAR and anticipates an initial operation of one-train per day 5-days a week to utilize the Proposed Line." The use of the word initial is critical in understanding the scope of this freight yard. Couple this language with the parameters the petition outlines, including a "161-freight car capacity," community members are correct in their understanding that this project will not be a sleepy rail spur, as characterized by Mr. Carlson and the town's supervisor. It will be a far-reaching regional freight yard.

This freight yard would be a chain link fence away from established residential neighborhoods in Kings Park (See photos) and in very close proximity to residential homes in Fort Salonga, Northport, East Northport and Commack, all which tightly border the projected area. There are several schools, stables, playgrounds and a nursing home in close proximity to the proposed yard. The surrounding communities already bear the burden of several major sources of environmental blight, including the Huntington Resource Recovery Facility, the Northport power plant, the Huntington and Smithtown landfills and their methane burners/vents, medical waste incinerators at both Northport VA hospital & St. Catherine's Medical Center, and the various heavy industrial uses that have been going on in this area for decades, many of which continue to operate illegally and unchecked. How much of a burden is this one community expected to take? The freight yard's proposed location is on the edge of a residentially

zoned area (R43), plainly in the back yard of families, with inground pools and playsets. It is important to understand that in no way did anyone move into this area thinking they were going to be living right behind a diesel freight yard.

This proposed project will also have a detrimental impact on Long Island's sole source aquifer as it sits atop a deep recharge basin. Suffolk County Department of Health Services notes in its correspondence to the US Office of Environmental Analysis Surface Transportation Board (OEA), dated July 22, 2022, "The project site is also in the 25–50year groundwater contributing area to Smithtown Bay... It should be noted that this project site is in an Article 7 restricted area and storage of any toxic or hazardous materials, as defined in Article 7 of the Suffolk County Sanitary Code, is severely restricted."

The surrounding communities were never advised by local, state or federal officials that this was ever a possibility. Just the opposite, the last the community knew, the petitioner was looking to site an indoor compost facility on this property. Community members were invited into town hall and shown a detailed PowerPoint presentation of that proposal. There has never been any type of communication that plans had changed for Mr. Carlson's property.

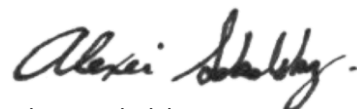
The NYSDOT, in correspondence to the US Office of Environmental Analysis Surface Transportation Board (OEA), also dated July 22, 2022, advises, "In addition, it appears that the line being proposed will be constructed in or around a residential area. To that extent, NYSDOT recommends that public outreach be conducted regarding the proposal..." This was never done. Both the NYSDOT letter and the Suffolk County Department of Health letters, in response to OEA's June 22, 2022 correspondence looking for information and comments regarding the proposal, noted that only limited information was provided by OEA. NYSDOT directly stated, "Without additional information, the NYSDOT is unable to provide detailed information at this time regarding what, if any, environmental resources may be affected by Townline's proposal." A review of the STB site reveals no additional information was provided in order to help these interested parties provide informed input. In a letter dated September 29, 2022, the OEA granted the petitioner's request for a waiver of 49 C.F.R. § 1105.6(a), which normally provides for the preparation of an EIS for rail line construction proposals, noting, "Based on the information available to date, OEA believes that the potential environmental impacts would not be significant, and any impacts could most likely be addressed through appropriate mitigation measures." (See attached letter dated September 29, 2022)

This conclusion by the OEA is predicated on incomplete information provided to interested parties, such as the NYSDOT and the Suffolk County Department of Health. The OEA knew further information was needed before it granted the waiver. The OEA was directly told so. A waiver should not have been granted and should, for the sake of fairness and justice, be reversed.

This is a petition that appears to be on a fast track, to the detriment of the community. A few local elected officials have quietly supported this project for years, without a vote, without a resolution, without community input. They had a choice, and they chose to ignore the local community.

Based upon the above, **I am respectfully requesting this petition be denied.** Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alexei Sokolsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Alexei Sokolsky

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

Dear Mr. Oberman;

I am writing to you with great concern over the possible change in zoning and development of the property on 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park, Long Island, New York. Our neighborhood certainly has many light industrial areas. To change the zoning to a heavy industrial zoning would put this neighborhood on a slippery slope allowing other companies to do the same.

Having the Covanta incinerator, sand mining, concrete crushing, and asphalt production in this small area and then adding a rail terminal that runs diesel freight trains and container trucks all hours of the day and night would be deplorable to the health and quality of life to the people in the many residential areas, schools, the Northport Veterans Hospital, playgrounds, and nursing homes here. This operation would be sitting on the sole source aquifer for Long Island, home of seven million people. What about potential infiltration? The creation of more sound, light, and air pollution will compromise our quality of life. The light pollution negatively affects our trees producing our oxygen.

As a lymphoma cancer patient with no family history, air quality is of super importance to me. My lungs are compromised. My neighbors with blood and breast cancers, and all those with asthma also have legitimate concerns. We need healthier neighborhoods, not more toxic.

This community is just that, a residential area of one laned roads where people do not want to live with the health problems affiliated with having this railyard.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Diane Aiello

25 Rose Court
Fort Salonga, NY 11768
DOCKET NUMBER FD_36575

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

Dear Mr. Oberman:

I am writing to voice my concern over the regional freight rail terminal. This neighborhood would be destroyed by allowing such a heavy industry within feet of residential properties. The types of pollution created would weaken our air quality, add to light pollution, noise pollution, and put the main aquifer of Long Island at risk.

As a diabetic, my immune system is already compromised. A freight rail terminal is a terrible idea and would be detrimental to my quality of life and others in my community. It does not belong near homes, schools, parks, hospitals, nursing homes, and trails.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Aiello

25 Rose Court
Fort Salonga, NY 11768
DOCKET NUMBER FD_36575

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
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Dear Mr. Oberman:

I am writing with great concern over the possible construction of a regional freight and rail terminal in the residential area I call home.

The sound, air, and light pollution that would be created at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park does not belong here. It should be in a heavy industry zoning area, not in close proximity to homes, schools, trails, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, playgrounds, and parks. That is why this area has been zoned as light industrial.

Please protect our quality of life. Protect our aquifer, our single laned roads, and especially our air. My mother has had multiply lung surgeries. Please do not put her and the rest of the residents here at more risk.

Thank you,

Jason Aiello

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
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March 23, 2023

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

Dear Honorable Martin J Oberman,

I grew up in Kings Park and now live in Smithtown. The idea of a freight rail terminal in town is appalling to me. It will, not only diminish property values, but severely impact the quality of life in our town.

My parents are in the same house for over 60 years in Kings Park. I hope the same essence of the town they have lived in for so long continues and is not destroyed. My daughter and her family, and my brother and his family, all live in this Township. Adding a rail terminal is maddening and very sad. I urgently ask you to reconsider.

Very Sincerely,
Holly Ferruso
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Smithtown, NY 11787
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Joe Aiello
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The Honorable Martin J Oberman
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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

Dear Sir.

I am writing you about a proposed freight yard built in Kings Park near the existing incinerator and landfill.

This freight yard would be very close to homes, etc and would put a highly concerning amount of pollution in an already heavily burdened location with the incinerator and landfill right across the street.

This location is NOT zoned for heavy commercial activity and there is a reason for that. There are too many homes, schools, and places of human concentration to have such a facility. The noise, light, and sounds of an operation running seven days a week, 24 hours a day, is disruptive to the local area.

We have already paid the burdens of the incinerator and landfill. Cancer rates in the area are very high, and adding more environmental load will not help.

There are better ideas than this for our area. We have too much already.

Regards,

Joe Aiello

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To the Honorable Martin J Oberman,

I, Dora Chan am opposing the rail yard project. My sister Diane Calderone and her family resides in Northport and I'm very concerned for their health and well being. Please stop and reconsider these plans as they are unnecessary and the risk involved is too great. It would be a huge mistake, one that would be difficult to reverse once it is completed. So please, I ask you to halt these plans so we can change the plans for a better tomorrow. One that is safe for all beings in this beautiful community. Thank you in advance.

Dora Chan

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March 24, 2023

RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman:

The proposed regional rail terminal in Kings Park presents an unfair burden on the communities in close proximity. There are already existing sources of pollution located in this area. It is unfair to add additional environmental hazards to this neighborhood which is very populated. Our town and surrounding neighborhoods should not be subject to more toxins. Please consider the impact this will force upon an area already housing more than its fair share of unpleasant but necessary sites. Move this proposed terminal and accept that Kings Park is already doing their part for Long Island. Thank you for considering the health and well being of our residents and abandoning this location for the rail project.

Very truly yours,
Jeanette Koenig

The Honorable Martin J Oberman
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Dear Honorable Chairman Oberman,

We are completely opposed to the Carlsoncorp's request to build a railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal on their property at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park, Long Island, New York.

This will result in an endless caravan of diesel freight trains 24 hours a day causing noise, fumes, pollution, vibrations, additional heavy trucks, road congestion, and health risks.

Additionally it is close to homes, schools, and nursing homes. It is located in a federally classified deep recharge area for a Sole Source Aquifer.

It is more than a simple quality of life issue and therefore imperative that plan be rejected. Thank you in advance for your concern.

Respectfully,

Bruce and Phyllis Cordes
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Dear Chairman Oberman,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the request to build a railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park. Both as a homeowner and social worker who suffers from a long history of asthma and sees many clients in this area, I have serious concerns regarding this request and at this point feel the negatives far outweigh the positives.

This property is surrounded by schools, playgrounds, nursing homes, ball fields and private homes. Many of these people (elderly, children, and others with lung disease like myself) are particularly sensitive to pollutants. I have been living in this area for 30 plus years and am well aware of the health risks this project would pose. This geographical area already has several sources of pollution within a 5 mile radius (Huntington (Covanta) Incinerator, several capped landfills with their methane venting systems, businesses such as sand mining, concrete crushing and asphalt production). Needless to say, not only would this potentially cause many health crises, but also would devalue our homes. (I would not have moved here myself faced with this prospect.)

There would also be the drastic increase in noise pollution in what is supposed to be a quiet residential area due to trucks, forklifts, machinery sounds, etc. as well as the threat to our water with a potential infiltration of the sole source aquifer.

I do not understand why the community did not know of these plans until recently. I have learned that for almost two years Toby Carlson, owner of Carlsoncorp, Smithtown Supervisor Edward Wehrheim and Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta have kept this a secret. I am thankful that this was discovered and printed in the Smithtown News.

Thank you for your attention to this.

Very Sincerely,

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Feb 27, 2023

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Chairman
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RE: surface transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD 36575

Dear Sir:

I write to protest proposed Carlson freight Yard. The proposed yard is near schools, hospitals, nursing homes and residential areas. The area is already overburdened by many sources of pollution. The addition of a garbage transfer station will make this worse. The current local road system is already overburdened with truck traffic. The proposed transfer station will draw trucks from across Long Island which will cause the local conditions to worsen.

The site is in a federally designated deep recharge area of sole source aquifer.

Please vote to stop this project.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James G. Kohlroser', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

James G. Kohlroser
45 Half Hollow Rd
Commack, NY 11725

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The site is in a federally designated deep recharge area of sole source aquifer. This project may lead to water contamination.

Please vote to stop this project.

Sincerely

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Commack, NY 11725

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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman:

My family and I live on Daron Lane in Commack – we are a few football fields from the site where Carlsoncorp wants to build the Townline Rail Terminal. We moved here because it was a lovely area with a wonderful school district where we could raise our children. My husband and I have spent a lot of money remodeling our home over the years to accommodate our growing family. We have been very happy here and it has been a wonderful place to raise our children. In fact, our youngest child is getting ready to graduate high school and go off to college.

I am extremely concerned about the possibility of a regional freight rail terminal so close to our home and what it will do to our property values. It is likely that my husband and I will look to downsize in several years after our children are all grown and flown and our proximity to the proposed regional rail terminal will not be good for our resale value.

This proposed site is way too close to homes. There are many homeowners aside from us that stand to be negatively impacted by this ill-conceived project. We all bought our homes with the expectation that our local zoning codes would ensure harmony with our neighbors. Carlsoncorp is looking to change their residential and light industrial zoning to heavy industry. That is totally incongruent with all the residential properties and their owners who live in the areas surrounding their property.

It is my hope that you will not approve Carlsoncorp's regional freight yard proposal. It is the wrong place to put this proposed freight yard. This plan is not appropriate for this area. People live here!

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
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Dear Chairman Oberman:

I am extremely concerned about the possibility of a regional freight rail terminal so close to our home. We live in a beautiful home in a lovely area but our area is also subject to pollution from a number of sources such as the Covanta Incinerator, Carlsoncorp's concrete crushing and mulching businesses, 2 capped landfills and their methane venting, etc.

There are days that our air quality is very poor. This is not good for the many thousands of people that live and work in this area. There are many people who live here who suffer from respiratory illnesses, allergies and different types of cancer. We should be making every effort to remediate the pollution rather than adding to it. Carlsoncorp's regional freight yard would only serve to increase diesel fumes and particulate matter in the area from the diesel-powered trains and trucks. This would have further negative impacts on the people who live and work here.

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