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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

April 17, 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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Cc:  
Parties

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

This Freight Yard will cause irreparable damage to our community and environment. My grandfather farmed here on our property and I grew up drinking well water which is now totally non-potable as a result of projects such as this. Carlson's had a yard between T.J. Max and 1st Ave where I grew up and when they abandoned the sight it was littered with rotting heavy machinery, broken concrete rings and rusting hunks of forsaken machinery. The Pollution, Toxic chemicals, Noise pollution, and traffic congestion are but a few of the totally unacceptable and inevitable consequences of a yard such as this.

Our community surrounds this site and is already suffering from the results of having the incinerator in our back yard. The process by which this proposal has been fast tracked, the proper EPA and Environmental assessments being waived, without any public notice and no chance for the people of the community to voice their concerns is nothing less than abhorrent. This must not be approved.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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April 11, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman  
Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board  
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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD\_36575

Dear Mr. Oberman:

I am writing to you regarding the upcoming Surface Transportation Board review Of the Carlson Corp's request to build a railroad spur and a regional freight train terminal on their property at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park. This regional train yard, with seven tracks, totaling 9,400 feet, two buildings totaling 100,000 square feet and a 161- freight car capacity, totaling 10, 456 feet of train will enable the hauling toxic ash, construction and demolition debris, and goods and commodities around the clock. As a Professional Civil Engineer, with years of experience with construction, from the Staten Island Expressway to my last twenty years at Brookhaven National Laboratories, I am uniquely qualified to evaluate the dangerous impact of pursuing this project in this location.

This site is in close proximity to residential communities, and yet we were never included in, or made aware of, the planning that went on over the past two years. The site is 500 feet from families in Kings Park, and is tightly bordering homes in Commack, East Northport and Fort Salonga. There are schools, playgrounds and senior health facilities in these mostly residential neighborhoods.

We are senior citizens, and we chose to remain and spend our retirement years in our town - because of its uncongested streets, quiet, and clean air. Our daughter opted to raise her own family in nearby East Northport, motivated by the healthy, quiet and safe suburban environment. Endless caravans of diesel freight trains and container trucks coming at all hours of the night and idling all day, the noise, the fumes, the pollution, and the vibrations all are frightening but inevitable prospects . Additional trucks will cause congestion, traffic hazards, and more dangers.

Furthermore, the approval of the Carlson Corp plan would establish a dangerous precedent. To accommodate Carlson Corp, the Town of Smithtown would need to change the existing zoning, Light Industry/residential to Heavy Industry. This will undoubtedly encourage other businesses to make similar requests.

Consider the vulnerable residents who breathe the air and use the streets and roads. Do the right thing and deny the request by Carlson Corp. The quality of life for young and old would be more than compromised; it will be totally destroyed.

If you have any further questions regarding this issue, my wife and I can be reached at [Jackshell1@mac.com](mailto:Jackshell1@mac.com) Thank you for your prompt and serious attention to this disgraceful matter.

Yours truly,

  
Jack Stephen Feldman

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April 10, 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 Mr. Oberman:

The Surface Transportation Board will soon be reviewing the Carlson Corp's request to build a railroad spur and a regional freight train terminal on their property at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park. It will be a regional train yard with seven tracks, totaling 9,400 feet, two buildings totaling 100,000 square feet and a 161- freight car capacity, totaling 10, 456 feet of train. Trains will be hauling toxic ash, construction and demolition debris, and goods and commodities.

This is quite a project! Of course, it has been in the works for over two years, and yet we were kept in the dark until now. Our community only learned about it from a story by David Ambro in *The Smithtown News*. That was the first we heard about it. Nobody reached out for our input or addressed the impact it would have on us. That is unconscionable! As a long-time resident of my home, since 1968, I want to voice my strong objections to this plan. There are several obvious arguments against their proposal.

First, the location is a drastically ill-advised choice. It is 500 feet from families in Kings Park, tightly bordering homes in Commack, East Northport and Fort Salonga. There are schools, playgrounds and senior health facilities in these mostly residential neighborhoods. My daughter opted to raise her own family in East Northport, motivated by the healthy air and quiet and safe suburban environment.

The threat of endless caravans of diesel freight trains and container trucks coming at all hours of the night and idling all day, the noise, the fumes, the pollution, and the vibrations all are frightening. Additional trucks will cause congestion, traffic hazards, and more dangers. The quality of life for young and old will be more than compromised; it will be totally destroyed.

Approval to Carlson Corps would establish a horrific precedent and invite a domino effect. To accommodate Carlson Corp, The Town of Smithtown would need to change the existing zoning, Light Industry/residential to Heavy Industry. This will undoubtedly encourage other businesses to make similar requests.

I pray that you consider the vulnerable residents who breathe the air and use the streets and roads and that you reject the request by Carlson Corp. The quality of life for young and old will be more than compromised; it will be totally destroyed. I would hate to be prevented from leaving the house now that we are retired.

If you have any further questions regarding this issue, my husband and I can be reached at Jackshell1@mac.com Thank you for your prompt and serious attention to this pressing matter.

Yours truly,



Dr. Rochelle Feldman

April 1, 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

We are writing in extreme opposition to the proposed railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal on the Carlsoncorp's property at 140 Old Northport Rd. In Kings Park. We have lived close to this property (1/2 mile away) for over 40 years. We are both retired in our 70's and work hard to maintain a healthy lifestyle. This area is already over exposed to many sources of pollution coming from trucking along Indian Head Road leading to the industrial area and proposed site. These trucks travel close to many schools including a daycare center located on the corner of the access road to this location. This operation will lead to excessive nighttime noise and light caused by freight trains coming between 10 pm and 5am and the associated operations surrounding them. Daytime noise and pollution at the Carlsoncorp's location related to loading toxic incinerator ash, concrete, building materials, asphalt, etc. will be ongoing. There will also be unloading of commodities such as new cars, lumber, etc. creating excessive noise and truck traffic and pollution. In addition, this plan requires a change of zoning from light industry/residential to heavy industry, setting a precedent for other businesses in this area to follow.

We understand that this area is located in a federally designated deep recharge area of a sole source aquifer. If this highly sensitive area of the aquifer were stop become compromised by the leakage of hazardous materials continuously being loaded at this site, it would affect the drinking water for all of Long Island.

We just became aware of the proposals for this site recently. However, it seems that Carlsoncorp's owner, Toby Carlson has proposed this plan nearly 2 years ago with the knowledge of the Smithtown Supervisor, Edward Wehrheim and Suffolk County Legislator Robert Trotta but the plan was kept secret from the community. Carlson's greed and desire for financial gain at the expense of the community is apparent.

I ASK YOU.... WOULD YOU WANT TO LIVE NEAR THIS SITE? Please vote "no" to this proposed railroad spur!

Thank You,

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

Honorable Chairman,

With Concern to Carlsoncorp's request to build a railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal at 140 Old Northport Rd Kings Park Long Island. I am writing on the behalf of the health and safety of my community and environment. For too long these cornerstone institutions have been neglected in this area, wreaking havoc on our local health and way of life. One only has to look at the news to see how such careless regulation has turned entire townships upside down. The risks to our children's health and future quality of life is at stake. Pollution, litter, vibrations, noise, and added traffic are already a problem on Long Island and we will not stand for more. Many areas of Long Island have for decades been victims of water pollution into our aquifers, poisoning our Families. These actions must STOP.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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April 12, 2023

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

RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD\_36575

Dear Chairman,

I have been a resident in this area for over 30 years and I am appalled at what is happening. I am writing to you requesting that you deny the proposal from the Carlsoncorp to build a railroad spur and a regional rail terminal on the property located at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park, New York.

This proposal doesn't make sense in such a highly populated residential area! According to [npr.org](http://npr.org), there are about 3 US train derailments per day! Having a train spur only elevates the possibility of a dangerous situation in our community and this is on top of the increased pollution and additional traffic this project will cause.

I did not move to Northport to subject my family to a dangerous living environment the train spur will create. Please listen to the community residents rather than the money driven opportunist that do not care for my family's or the community's health. We do NOT want this railroad spur to be created in our backyard.

Sincerely,

Dr. Millie Marchese

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

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Dear Chairman,

OPPOSITION TO THE FREIGHT RAILWAY PROPOSAL IN KINGS PARK, NY:

As a resident of the village of Northport, I am deeply distressed by the fact that plans have been made for several years without community discussion and transparency.

Please do not add insult to injury by siting this polluter in our area. I am opposed to the increased industrialization proposed by Carlson Company. We already are saturated by the pollution of the stacks in Northport Power Plant and the medical waste incinerator at the VA hospital. It is unfair to saddle us with more pollution of all forms. As it is, I have soot on my window sills that accumulate each week. I'm sure I have the lungs of a smoker.

In addition, this site is above an important aquifer and in close proximity to a very densely populated area of Suffolk County.

I hope you will consider all these factors in your decision. Thanks for your courtesy and consideration.

Carolyn McQuade

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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 Chairman Oberman,

I'm writing to urge you to reject the CarlsonCorp Townline Rail Terminal proposal to build a 5,000ft. rail spur and train yard that would include a transfer station and warehouse and 50-truck trucking station, all beside a residential neighborhood. The transportation of incinerator and construction debris and the truck traffic will contribute to noise and air and water pollution and will put the health of the neighbors at risk.

Sincerely,

Linda Latter

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April 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 to you regarding Carlsoncorp's request to build a railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal on property located at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park NY. As a concerned resident of the area, I am writing to express my opposition to this project.

The proposed site for the freight rail terminal is way too close to the homes on the northside of the railroad tracks. This freight yard would be disastrous to all the people that live there. While they all purchased homes near the railroad tracks, I am positive none of them ever anticipated that they would have a regional freight train terminal a few hundred feet from their homes.

The proposed site is also way too close to several large towns (Commack, East Northport, Northport, Fort Salonga, Kings Park and Smithtown). This proposed project would pose a threat to the thousands of people who live close to the Carlsoncorp site. It should be noted that Fort Salonga Elementary School, North Ridge Elementary School, Commack High School and East Northport Primary School are less than a half mile away from the site. There are many children who suffer from asthma and pediatric cancers that attend those schools and they (or any for that matter) should not be exposed to yet another source of pollution from the diesel trains and trucks that would be at that site and traveling through the area on a daily basis.

I respectfully ask that you consider my concerns as you review the petition for the Carlsoncorp rail terminal. This rail terminal does NOT belong here!

Sincerely,

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April 14, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman  
Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W.  
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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD\_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman:

I am writing to you to express my overwhelming opposition to Carlsoncorp's request to build a railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal on property located at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park NY.

I was a lifelong resident of Northport until I moved to Florida full time this last winter. While I no longer live in the area, I do have my 4 adult children, their spouses and all my grandchildren that live in Commack, East Northport and Fort Salonga. I also have many friends that still live in the area who are retired, on fixed incomes and just trying to live their remaining years peacefully. Everyone I have spoken to is very opposed to this proposal. I am writing to you to express my opposition to Carlsoncorp's request to build a railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal on property located at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park NY.

I am well aware of the location and composition of the Old Northport Road area. This area is already overburdened with pollution generating entities. The addition of a regional freight yard right next to residential neighborhoods would be horrible for everyone who lives there. It would also set a dangerous precedent by allowing Carlson to change the zoning from residential and light industrial to heavy industrial. I'm sure all of the other property owners around Carlson would want to change their zoning to heavy industry too. That would endanger my family's health, safety and drive their property values into the ground so even if they wanted to relocate, they would be doing so at a huge price loss.

In Florida the freight trains are generally traveling on rail lines where there are multiple tracks next to each other. This helps to prevent trains having to compete for space on the tracks and keeps them moving. Recently it seems like there have been a lot of derailments. I can't help but worry about that happening on the Port Jefferson line – at best the commuters that use that line would have to find another way to get to the city. At worst, there could be another event like East Palestine, Ohio and that terrifies me because my family and friends would suffer greatly!

It is my hope that you will consider this proposal carefully and make the only right decision which is to deny permission to Carlsoncorp. There are too many people's lives at stake to allow this project to move forward. It is my opinion that any potential benefits are outweighed by the potential risks.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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April 16, 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:

As a resident of Commack, I am writing this letter to share my strong opposition to the Carlsoncorp freight rail terminal project.

I grew up in Kings Park, NY within a mile of the Carlson property. For as long as I can remember that property was always a blight upon our community. When I married 30 years ago my husband and I moved to our present address to start our lives and the rest of my family moved to a different part of Kings Park to get away from the noise, smells and dust that blew through our windows all the time from the illegal sand mining that took place there.

Eight years ago, I was diagnosed with cancer in my leg. I have had several operations to remove the cancer and then to have skin grafted from my back to fix my leg. Then I had radiation. Unfortunately, the cancer resurfaced in 2 spots in my lungs and I had to have surgery to remove the cancer. Most recently, I had to have another surgery to have a titanium rod placed in my leg to support the existing and weakened bones. As a result of all of these surgeries and treatments I am told I have to avoid exposure to anything that could compromise my immune system any further. The last thing I need is yet another source of pollution in our already over polluted area.

I have read that Covanta has not even committed to using Carlson's freight train terminal (if it is built) to transport their ash off Long Island yet every week Carlsoncorp runs ads on facebook and the Smithtown News saying that this freight yard's purpose is to remove ash from the Covanta Incinerator. Which incinerator are they talking about I ask? If it is the Covanta Incinerator then Covanta must not have received the memo!

This is the totally wrong place to put a regional freight yard – too close to homes, will only add to the pollution here, and the purpose he claims this is for (hauling Covanta's ash) hasn't even been established. I implore you to deny Carlsoncorp your approval.

Regards,  
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Dear Chairman Oberman:

I am writing to you to express my overwhelming opposition to Carlsoncorp's request to build a railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal on property located at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park NY.

I was a lifelong resident of Northport until I moved to Florida full time this last winter. While I no longer live in the area, all of my children, their spouses and my grandchildren live in the areas that surround the site. I also have many friends that still live in the area. Everyone I have spoken to is very opposed to this proposal. I am writing to you to express my staunch opposition to Carlsoncorp's request to build a railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal on property located at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park NY.

I remember when that area was forest and farmland. Over the years the business owners that bought land there have turned the Old Northport Road area into a huge mess. Many ran illegal sand mining operations and then when the sand was gone or the town got on them they ran illegal dumping so they could backfill the craters left from the mining. Now they look to do other things to make even more money there. It makes me so angry because I remember a time when people took care of that land. That time, however, is long gone! It is time to clean up that area not make things worse by putting a regional freight terminal there.

Carlsoncorp's freight yard will tank property values in all the neighborhoods surrounding that area making it impossible for people to get a decent price for their properties. I am very concerned on the impact that would have on my children who worked very hard to stay in the area and raise my grandchildren there. I'm also concerned for my friends who live there and count on the worth of their homes to see them through their retirement.

Please say "NO" to this ridiculous freight yard! I appreciate your attention to my letter.

Sincerely,

Leonard Bruen

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April 13, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman  
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Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W.  
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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD\_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman:

I am writing to you regarding Carlsoncorp's request to build a railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal on property located at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park NY. As a concerned resident of the area, I am writing to express my opposition to this project.

My primary concern with this project is the potential for pollution and noise. The proposed rail terminal is located near residential neighborhoods and I fear that the increased traffic and activity could have a negative impact on the air and water quality in the area. Noise pollution from the trains and the terminal could also disrupt the peace and quiet of our community.

Another concern is the possible effect on drinking water. The proposed rail terminal is located on top of a federally designated deep recharge area of the sole source aquifer, which is a source of drinking water for 3.3 million people on Long Island. There is a risk that the project could contaminate our drinking water. We do not know what kind of chemicals and hazardous materials will be transported through the rail terminal, and this uncertainty is a cause for concern.

Finally, I am worried about the effect of this project on property values in the area. If this rail terminal is built, it could decrease the value of nearby properties and make it harder for homeowners to sell their homes. This would have a negative impact on our community and the local economy.

I respectfully ask that you consider these concerns as you review the petition for the Carlsoncorp rail terminal. I urge you to consider the potential for pollution, noise, and property value reduction, as well as the impact on our drinking water. I believe that the potential risks and negative impact of this project outweigh any potential benefits, and I respectfully request that you deny the petition.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Liam Scully, Jr*

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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman  
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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD\_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman:

I am writing to you to express my opposition to Carlsoncorp's request to build a railroad spur and regional freight rail terminal on property located at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park NY. I am a resident of Commack, NY and live in walking distance to the property.

The proposed site for the freight rail terminal is way too close to the homes on the northside of the railroad tracks. This freight yard would be disastrous to all the people that live there. While they all purchased homes near the railroad tracks, I am positive none of them ever anticipated that they would have a regional freight train terminal a few hundred feet from their homes.

I am very concerned about the health not only of the people who live nearby but also their pets and the wildlife in the surrounding areas. This area is home to a wide variety of animals – dogs, cats, many species of birds, deer, foxes, bats, turtles, snakes, chipmunks, squirrels, etc. Just as people get sick when they are exposed to toxins, so do animals. The humans and animals are already exposed to too much pollution in this area from the Northport Power Plant, the Huntington Covanta Incinerator, two medical waste incinerators, capped landfills that vent methane, and businesses that produce toxins and particulate matter.

We need to be better stewards of our environment. I hope you will say “NO” to the Carlsoncorp Freight Rail Terminal.

Sincerely,

*Lindsay Scully*

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April 16, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman  
Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W.  
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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD\_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman:

My family and I live on Cedar Drive in Huntington, New York. I am writing in strong opposition to the Carlsoncorp freight rail terminal project.

We live in Huntington about a mile away from the Port Jefferson line of the Long Island Railroad. Therefore, my family and I (and all our neighbors) will be adversely impacted by the addition of daily freight trains to and from the Carlsoncorp property. We can clearly hear the warning horns as the trains pass through the crossings in and out of the Huntington area. The Huntington Station is a busy one and the last thing we need is more noise, especially in the middle of the night when we are trying to sleep!

I am a retired RN and currently work as a teacher and tutor. Many of my students suffer from respiratory issues like asthma, allergies or have other issues such as immune disorders and cancer. I have been doing research and have come across a number of studies that document that children that live near rail yards suffer from a way higher rate of respiratory issues that are caused by exposure to diesel fumes and other toxins generated by the trains. I am very concerned about the effect this will have on my students and the other children in the area.

My family and I used to live in East Northport and I am very familiar with the area where the proposed site of the Townline Freight Terminal is located. If you could see this site, you would see that it is located right next to people's homes and amidst several densely populated suburban communities. This freight terminal would have an enormous negative impact on the people who live in that area. This is absolutely a ridiculous place to put a freight yard!

It is my hope that you will use common sense when you consider this proposed freight yard and deny Carlsoncorp's proposal. It is just all kinds of wrong!

Sincerely,

*Lois Kittenplan*

April 10, 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 name is Merlin Martinez and I don't agree with the freight yard project I'm a mother of two toddlers and I think that this project will negatively affect my family.

Regards,

Merlin Martinez

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The Honorable Martin J. Oberman  
Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W.  
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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD\_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman:

My family and I live on Cedar Drive in Huntington, New York. I am writing in strong opposition to the Carlsoncorp freight rail terminal project.

While I do not live near the Carlson property, I do live near the Huntington railroad station of the Port Jefferson Long Island Railroad. Therefore, my family and I will be adversely impacted by the addition of daily freight trains to and from the Carlsoncorp property. We can clearly hear the train horns as the trains pass through the crossings in and out of the Huntington area and the last thing we need is more noise, especially in the middle of the night when we are trying to sleep.

My understanding is that these freight trains will run on diesel fuel. I am extremely concerned about the addition of further pollution to our area from the clouds of diesel fuel these trains will spew into our air. I suffer from asthma so air pollution is definitely a trigger for me. These trains would only serve to make it harder for me to breathe.

Frankly, I understand that the Brookhaven landfill is closing and that garbage will now have to be exported off of Long Island. However, it makes no sense to use the Port Jefferson LIRR line for this as it isn't electrified and only has a single track. If there is a derailment or other problem on that set of tracks there is no other alternative for the railroad to run on.

Lastly, my heart goes out to the people in Kings Park and the surrounding areas that will have to deal with the full effects of living near a regional freight yard. I am originally from East Northport and know that area very well. I just cannot see how a regional freight terminal could fit into the surrounding communities without tanking property values and having a huge negative impact on the quality of life for the many thousands of people that live there.

I hope you will consider my concerns and refuse to approve this ill-conceived project.

Sincerely,

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April 17, 2023

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman  
Chairman  
Surface Transportation Board 395 E Street, S.W.  
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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD\_36575

Dear Chairman Oberman:

I am writing this letter because I strongly oppose the Carlsoncorp freight rail terminal proposal. The site is indisputably way too close to peoples' homes. It is also way too close to schools in Kings Park and several of the surrounding towns. The proposed freight rail terminal will disrupt and destroy many peoples' lives that live and work around here.

My husband and I moved here years ago from New York City because we wanted a quiet, safe area to raise our family. It has been a great place to live. However, if Carlsoncorp is allowed to build a regional freight terminal here I fear the area will deteriorate rapidly. The necessary change to heavy industry zoning to accommodate the freight train yard so close to homes will cause property values to drop drastically. There will be a ripple effect felt across many neighboring areas. This will not be a good thing at all for all of us who have invested a significant amount of money into our homes. We will lose our biggest asset so that Carlson can line his pockets with even more wealth. We were hoping to leave our home to our children someday but if the regional freight yard goes in our home will be worth way less than it is now. This is all so unfair!

I beg of you to think of the hard-working residents who have so much invested in their homes. We are the ones who will suffer if this freight yard comes to pass. Please do not allow Carlson to build a freight yard here.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Nina Adamo