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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

August 30, 2023

Dear Chairman Oberman,

Townline Association is assisting with the public comment process. Attached is a letter in opposition to Townline Rail Terminal from a Kings Park community organization, Old Northport Road Lawrence Road Task Force, 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,

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Old Northport Road Lawrence Road Task Force

Response regarding Toby Carlson (Power Crush) Rail Yard.

The comments brought up by Toby Carlson and others in government are FALSE. There is no way whatsoever that the garbage fee in our taxes will ever go from \$300 to \$4000 as stated by others. Ash was hauled off Long Island from these plants once before when there was an issue at the TOB landfill. This will not alleviate truck traffic in our area. This will ONLY increase it!! Truck will pour down roads past homes, churches, and more importantly schools. This is like a puzzle piece that does not fit.

This railyard WILL increase truck traffic down residential roads not major thoroughfares like other railyards on Long Island, or in other areas of the country that give these yards its own exit off major roadways. This Kings Park site is buried in residential, and more importantly Toby Carlson has used and abused his property for decades. This property is currently zoned, HI, LI, and Residential. But you would never know that by driving down there. His yard drains into town roads which is another town code violation that goes unpunished.

While there will be at the start 26 rail cars, this is only the beginning. More cars to come that need to be filled. These cars will be filled after hours causing noise and debris to be emitted and dumped on the surrounding homes. Noise complaints already exist with Covanta from the back up alarm on the payloaders. This alarm is required by OSHA, but something this small already causes an issue when in use and is used rarely, not like the every day use Toby will be doing. Material will be hauled in during the day, loaded at night, and now railed out during the evening hours. The roads that will be bombarded with transfer trailers (Indian Head Rd., Townline Rd, Jericho Tpke, Commack Rd., Pulaski Rd, Main St, Larkfield Rd, and many other smaller Roads.)

While rail works, it just does not work here.

We highly encourage any/all who are voting on this matter to Deny this application.

Sincerely

Tom Unverzagt