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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

October 4, 2023

Dear Chairman Oberman,

Townline Association is assisting residents with the public comment process. Attached are letters/signatures 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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September 28, 2023

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

Re: Surface Transportation Board Application: Docket No. FD-36575 Dear Chairman

Oberman:

I write to voice my continued opposition to the above referenced application.

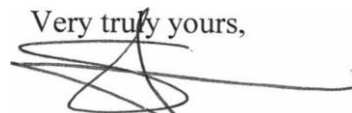
I recently viewed a video showing the exact area that would be affected by the proposal if granted. The video was not offered by CarlsonCorp, but rather was prepared by Townline Association, Inc. It was quite informative and eye opening. Reading about something is one thing, but when they say "a picture is worth a thousand words", that really hits the mark here. Even though I live in the community, it was shocking to see just how close the proposed train tracks are to so many schools, homes, and playgrounds. And knowing that the trains will be carrying hazardous materials raises significant and numerous concerns.

CarlsonCorp has purposefully failed to include all relevant and necessary information and the information it has disseminated to date has been suspect at best. Instead of directly addressing the issue of the proximity of the train tracks and the hazardous materials the trains will carry (and then trucks - thereby not decreasing truck traffic as claimed), CarlsonCorp has instead either ignored the obvious questions and concerns or has engaged in deception.

CarlsonCorp cannot be trusted. I sure don't want to rely on CarlsonCorp when it comes to my health and safety, or the health and safety of my family and my neighbors and community. As local residents, we all deserve better.

CarlsonCorps application should be denied in its entirety.

Thank you for your attention into this matter.

Very truly yours,

Sherri L. Kaplan

cc: Townline Association, Inc.

Video Link

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

October 1, 2023

Dear Chairman Oberman,

I am writing this letter to ask that you deny Townline Rail's application.

I am a mother of two young children and the idea of an unnecessary freight yard in our community is very troubling. The negative environmental and quality of life effects this will have on my family, friends, and neighbors is alarming.

This proposed freight yard would sit on top of a protected, sole-sourced aquifer, the land has been illegally sand mined, and is just feet away from many homes. The petitioner requested a waiver of the FEIS long before anyone in the community knew about this proposal, even before the petition was submitted. Many of the issues regarding this property were not identified before the waiver was granted.

This project has nothing to do with solving any upcoming waste issues, it is simply a way for a private company to grow its trucking business.

More trucks will be brought into our community, a community that does not have the infrastructure to handle it. This property and location are wrong for such a project. Tractor trailers should not be traversing our small local streets in order to get to the Long Island Expressway to deliver cargo.

Over the past three years in Nassau and Suffolk counties, 515 people have been hit, injured or killed while walking or biking. Adding so many tractor trailers to our local roads will see this already horrifying number increase.

There are better suited locations for this type of truck traffic, in front of our homes and schools is not one of them.

I have a special needs child and our own yard should be a safe place for her to play. If this project goes through, she will not be able to play outside due to the increased traffic and pollution in our neighborhood. Due to her high level of need, its very hard to take her to other places. This will keep her trapped inside. That is not why moved to Fort Salonga.

Please deny the petitioner's petition. There is too much wrong with it, and too much that has not been told to the STB.

Thank you,
Laura Sarowitz
Fort Salonga

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Dear Chairman Oberman,

Townline Rail Terminal, if allowed to move forward, will have a terrible impact on our community.

More truck traffic on our local roads, more noise, more pollution from both the diesel trucks and trains in our community and a substantial risk to our water supply, are just some reasons this project should be denied.

A freight yard in this location would significantly impact residents' lives, causing significantly more local pollution of the air and water (it would sit on a protected recharge basin). There will be increased noise, and injury to the community's aesthetics. Such a use on this site will cause significant and irreversible damage to the community and, most importantly, the children and families living here.

I am a father of two young children and my wife and I bought our house just a few short years ago in this area to ensure our children have happy and healthy lives. Our baby has asthma and the impact of this project will absolutely harm his breathing. He won't be able to play outside and enjoy this neighborhood the way we intended when choose this neighborhood. This project would work against our goals to give our children the safest place they can play and call home.

Thank you,
Gabe Nacelewicz
Fort Salonga

09/16/23

To: The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
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Washington, DC 20423

RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

I hope this letter finds you in good health. This request is an opportunity for you to be a hero and save our communities quality of life for generations to come. Our community has had NO opportunity to weigh in on this plan. It has been kept hidden from everyone and I am confident that if aware, more members of this community would state their distaste for this idea.

Unfortunately, a great number of our residence are too young to have an opinion, too old to navigate through the website to find the letter writing option and sit down to type this letter due to not being computer savvy and like many other residences just too busy in the rat race trying to balance work and family not allowing dedicated time to write this letter. They are working hard to provide a good life for themselves and their families. A safe, happy and "HEALTHY" life.

This is what brings many members of the community to this town including myself. Now raising a two-year-old and four-year-old child. I chose this town to plant my roots and begin a family coming from nothing and working my behind off to provide a "HEALTHY" stable life style for my children. This idea of the Freight Yard can have long lasting effects on the members of this community and the surrounding environment. Many families in this neighborhood never leave. The children inherit the family's home and choose to stay here and raise their own families being so fond of the neighbor. There still is a sense of history and tradition in this neighborhood that has been far long removed in many other neighborhoods. That is just another factor making the town of Kings Park such a desirable area to live.

In closing, I don't know who in their right mind would choose to live in a neighborhood with a freight yard admitting chemicals and hazardous materials into the air, ground, atmosphere and environment. It is my hope, that this one of many letters that will be submitted registers with someone with common sense, someone that would not want this in their own backyard effecting their family and the quality of life for generations to come. Please, if you have any discretion in this matter please consider relocating or cancelling the decision to formulate a Freight Yard in any neighborhood or town especially Kings Park.

Sincerely,
Mr. Stoler
Kings Park Resident

09/17/23

To: The Honorable Martin J. Oberman

Chairman

Surface Transportation Board

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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

I chose the area of King Park to move, live, and raise a family. I would have never chosen this area knowingly if there was going to be a Freight yard established in our town. I find it to be even more disturbing that this idea has been kept a secret from all the members of this community. I have two young children, and as a mother I am very concerned for their health being exposed to whatever toxins that will be emitting from this Freight Yard. Has there been any long-term studies showing results of exposure to these chemicals? Long Island already has other issues with water contamination and pesticides. We do not need another reason to be exposed to more junk that will ruin our bodies and hurt our young children. Please do not allow this to happen in our town.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Stoler

Kings Park Resident

September 13, 2023

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RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

Dear Honorable Oberman,

I am opposed to the Townline Rail Terminal being proposed near residential neighborhoods. It would have a huge impact on the quality of life of many towns in the area. There are schools in close proximity to the proposed site.

Carlson Corp/Townline Rail Terminal will be required to receive/ship hazardous materials upon request. It will also be required to provide rail service to any entity that requests it therefore bringing goods into the yard, then shipped out by diesel trucks across Long Island. This will create more traffic which we do not need. We already are overburdened with truck traffic.

Please vote NO to the Townline Rail Terminal.

Yours truly,
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