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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 30, 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,

Linda Henninger

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October 19, 2023
The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
Re:Docket No: FD_36575

Dear Honorable Sir:

I am a 25-year resident of Northport, NY who resides less than one mile from the proposed construction of the CarlsonCorp's railroad spur.

I can speak on behalf of hundreds of residents, including many children who also live near the proposed construction site who are vehemently opposed to this project which will become an environmental and health disaster. This is because the owners of CarlsonCorp want to operate very noisy diesel locomotives 24 hours a day, seven days of week within yards of many residential homes which will cause and contribute to significant air, noise, and light pollution over a large geographic area that will go unregulated by any governmental agency.

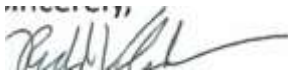
Politicians throughout our nation now talk about reducing greenhouse gas emissions but this project will be hypocritical to mitigating climate change which all scientists know gets worse and worse every year leading us to a catastrophe. Many people will suffer pain from the long-term effects from pollution as being proposed by CarlsonCorp who will eventually become sick and die prematurely.

It's obvious that CarlsonCorp is only interested in making huge profits at the expense of families with children and elderly parents who are not extremely wealthy. They do not care except for making money. I have no problem with corporations making a profit but they should not be making astronomical profits where nearby residents may suffer devastating consequences which is not right.

Therefore, I urge you to reject the CarlsonCorp train yard proposal based on the reasons mentioned above as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Richard Vladimir



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23rd October 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 Peter Liguori, a resident of Fort Salonga. I'm writing to urge you not to approve Carlson Corp's request to build a railroad spur and a regional freight rail terminal on its property at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park.

The neighborhood immediately north of this property is home to many growing families with young children including my own. I am concerned with the ramifications this project would have on the long term health of the residents particularly the young children who play outside and attend school in the area.

Furthermore the health of the elderly residents in the area should also be considered. My father is a 9/11 first responder who suffers from sarcoidosis and as a result is sensitive to changes in air quality and fumes. He and many others' quality of life would be negatively impacted by this decision if approved.

I hope you will consider the well-being and safety of these residents in your upcoming decision. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Peter Liguori

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman, Chairman
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423
October 15, 2023

Re: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter as a concerned citizen living in Kings Park since 1974. I am expressing my plea to NOT approve the request to build a private diesel powered railroad spur & regional freight rail terminal at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park.

The request to build this is all about the money with no concern for the town & the people living here. Kings Park is a small community & all of this railroad traffic & what is being transported would be detrimental to this lovely community. It will be noisy with the diesel & the pollution it will create would be unhealthy especially to those children attending schools close by. Our community already bears the burden of several major sources of environmental issues. I understand that the proposed project will also have a heavy impact on Long Island's sole source aquifer & a diesel freight yard would negatively affect our groundwater, harming the quality of the recharge water which supplies Long Island's drinking water reserves. Why wouldn't we be concerned about protecting & preserving this resource instead of harming it & just lining the pocket of Townline Rail Terminal (subsidiary of Carlson Corp). This does not belong in such close proximity to residential neighborhoods.

I beg you to NOT approve Townline Rail Terminal's request.

Thank you for your time & consideration.

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Dr. Peter J. Mancuso

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(Town where Elijah Churchill was awarded the first Badge of Military Merit(todays Purple Heart) from George Washington.

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman, Chairman Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street, SW

Washington, D.C. 20423

RE: Surface Transportation Board Decision, Docket No. FD_36575

Attention: Honorable Martin Oberman and Members of the Board

I write to you regarding the proposed freight rail terminal at 140 Old Northport Road in Kings Park. I am requesting you do not approve this request by the CarlsonCorp. My home is located in the much desired beautiful hamlet of Fort Salonga which I chose to raise my children. My home is feet from this proposed site which I am informed will be used to load, transport waste and ash in diesel trains. My children have allergies and as a physician I am rightfully concerned about the air pollution and health risks associated to my family and our community.

I urge you to fight on the side of the people living here as Mr. Churchill once did.

Best Regards

Dr. Peter J. Mancuso

09/18/23

To: The Honorable Martin J. Oberman

Chairman

Surface Transportation Board

395 E street, S.W.

Washington, DC 20423

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I have been a resident of Kings Park for over forty years. The mere thought of this Freight Yard makes me sick. I have raised my children and grandchildren here. I would never have wanted them to be exposed to any of this hazardous material. I am concerned for the wellbeing of myself along with my fellow neighbors and their children if this Freight Yard gets approved to be put into place. I am against this and I would like my voice and opinion to be heard, honored and put into file.

Thank you,

Estrella Fermo

Kings Park Resident

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Estrella Fermo".

The Honorable Martin J. Oberman
Chairman, Surface Transportation Board
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I am most concerned about plans for a rail yard in Northport. Retrofitting a project of that magnitude into an area that was not zoned for it is WRONG.

People invest their lives in a community and neighborhood with expectation of stability.

Public officials should never be able to change zoning to fit their agenda.

Leave Long Island alone. We don't need increased density. No more trains and buses. We choose to live on Long Island because we don't want urban neighborhoods. Respect people's choice. We are the taxpayers. We don't want our tax dollars working against us.

Take your urbanization upstate somewhere where people may want it.

Most sincerely,
Sonya Reid.
Northport, NY