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RE: Opposition to Townline Rail Terminal, LLC

Hamlet of Kings Park, Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, NY

Docket #FD36575

As a longtime resident of the community that lives in very close proximity to the proposed site of this terminal, I am writing you this letter of disappointment with the recent decisions of the STB. The neighborhood had put its trust in your organization that you would do the right thing but the recent decisions we have received are failing us. Just the fact that this whole site approval process is being rushed thru without a full Environmental Study should have raised a higher concern with the Surface Transportation Board.

There are so many red and yellow flags being raised in regards to this project from both environmental and humanitarian standpoints. Issues that range from a Recharge Basin filtering LI water to the location of many homes with Families including young children and grandchildren as close as 20 yards away. Let's face it, the fact that they are requesting (6) sets of tracks tells anyone interested that this is going to start as a garbage site moving ash and grow into a larger hub for much more. None of which belong that close to Homes which is the reason that the land in question has previously never been zoned for Commercial industry.

Allowing the construction of this large train yard and changing this area zoning to Heavy Commercial in order to bring in Train loads of industrial materials is not in the best interest of the Families living just yards away. What is the health and safety of just one person worth.

There are other simple solutions to move the ash including existing solutions that have been adopted by other local towns. The Draft EA talks about reducing the truck traffic which is true if the effort was for ash only. Knowing that this proposed Train yard will be used for much more than ash where is the additional truck traffic both in and out for these other materials discussed.

Knowing the area as I do the best location for a Train yard of this magnitude would be 10 miles south along the Sunken Meadow Parkway. The area is on the south side of the Old Pilgram State Hospital property which banks the Long Island Rail Road's Main line which also has existing spurs into the Hartland industrial park. This area is full industrial and can be expanded with absolutely no health or safety dangers for families or their homes.

In closing, I will again ask that you reconsider the approval of a rail yard so close to residential homes.

What is the health of just one person worth!

Regards

John Kenavan