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Office of Environmental Analysis  
Surface Transportation Board  
395 E Street SW  
Washington, DC 20423

RE: Opposition to Townline Rails Terminal, LLC  
Hamlet of Kings Park, Town of Smithtown, Suffolk County, New York  
Docket Number: FD36575

Dear Ms. Poole:

The Townline Rails Terminal LLC plans to build a train yard and several freight rails in our residential neighborhood. As a community resident close to the project, I know many railcars will be loaded and unloaded, many with toxic garbage ash. This project has no place in the densely populated residential community that surrounds the project. This objection is especially true given that the planned intensive operations will occur late at night through early morning, disrupting residents with their rest and sleep.

From an environmental and humanitarian standpoint, the project is a mistake. Incredibly, a recharge basin filtering water for Long Island's only water supply (underground aquifer) stands about thirty feet from the proposed site. The population of Long Island stands to be poisoned by the toxic garbage ash contamination of the water supply. Agencies have not conducted a *complete* environmental impact study. Private family homes also exist only yards away from this poisonous pit of garbage ash, dust, dirt, diesel fuel stench, intolerable noise, and artificial light. Thousands of other homes are less than a mile away. The North Ridge Elementary School lies within walking distance of the project's site. The neighboring communities already suffer from statistically significant increases in childhood leukemia, and the area is already overburdened with a garbage recycling plant.

I opposed this ill-conceived, poorly planned, and dangerous railroad project. Please refrain from approving any documentation that allows permission for its advancement.

Sincerely,



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