

To Whom it may concern,

Re: Texas Materials Group proposed 27 mile long quarry rail line expansion through Lampasas and Burnet County

I am a proud fourth-generation descendant of the Alexander-Snell family and our family has owned land in the Lampasas and Burnet counties since as early as 1849! This proposed plan would directly impact our beautiful, pristine properties our family has meticulously cared for and tended to for the last 176 years.

Not only would this railway affect the 100+ other landowners and citizens within its route but the wildlife, environmental, economic impacts and concerns are plentiful. All this detriment and destruction to hundreds of Texans to only impact ONE private business.

While I care deeply for the impact this proposed plan would have on the community as whole, I do want to note some specific causes of concern regarding our properties specifically, listed below:

- Proposed railway is in close proximity to historic Scott Hollow
- Natural springs and water sources run through each of our properties
- The railway would run directly over Sulphur Creek disrupting the natural breeding habitat for the Guadalupe Bass (State Fish) that has existed on our creek bank for decades
- The historic cemetery site, Thornal Cemetery - dates back to 1900, contains two sites one of which is an infant, and is located only about 5 yards from one of the proposed routes
- The Golden-Cheeked Warbler and other endangered or threatened species are present on our properties
- How will we access the other side of our land where this proposed railway will split down our property? Is this at the cost and responsibility of the landowners themselves? What about our livestock and the risk of them being hit or wandering down the rail line? How do we ensure trespassers are not entering our land through these railways? What about potential spills, derailments, or fires?

Our family has created and maintained a sanctuary on our private properties for the thriving wildlife and native plants while also consciously and conservatively utilizing our land for hunting, ranching, and farming for generations. Our family has been exemplary stewards of the land for many generations in the past and will continue to do so for many to follow. This railway would be absolutely devastating to our family, the environment, and the community at whole.

I urge you to consider the real families this railway will deeply impact and plead with you all to oppose this expansion plan! We are doing our personal job to keep Texas beautiful and preserve the nearly untouched lands I am so proud to call home. Will you please join us in this fight?

I sincerely thank you for your time and consideration,
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