

26 November 2022

Memorandum: Savage Tooele Railroad Company, Tooele County

Subject: Surface Transportation Board; Docket No. FD 36616

To Whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in protest of the Savage Tooele Railroad Company, Tooele County, that The Romney Group has submitted for approval. I oppose and object to this project in the utmost way. The implications and cons by FAR out weigh the pros! In no way shape or form will this be of any advantage to the local communities. In fact, it will only create problems logistically, crossing several roads that are close to the end of the line on this project and you can be assured, no matter how much the Romney's say it will not be a problem, we can all be certain that there will be problems with trains stopped on major highways and blocking traffic for who knows how long.

It will be traversing through wet lands that are extremely precious to our community and environment in general. We cannot afford to lose any more of our precious wet land to frivolous development from developers that have no concern other than to line their pockets at the expense of the environment and the community.

There has NOT been one person that I have talked to in the community that thinks this is a good option or will be an advantage to the community. I am a life long resident of this valley and in fact a very close proximity to the proposed rail line and I see NOTHING good coming from a project like this.

We as a community have seen nothing but crooked, deceitful, ways and intentions from The Romney Group, we have ZERO interest giving up the things discussed by this letter and other letters I have read that have been submitted in opposition of this project, for The Romney Group to further line their pockets at the expense of the local community. The Romney Group are NOT the kind of people that we would choose to have in our community EVEN IF we approved of this project. They have skirted around laws and even gotten laws changed, literally for a 3-month period, so they could proceed with their crooked ways. I could go on with the unethical things they have done just to get to the point that they are at now, I cannot emphasize enough how much we DO NOT want the Romney's anywhere near this valley!! I know that that is not part of your decision making as the STB but it is an important factor for our community as citizens and we ask that you REJECT this project.

We really appreciate your attention to this matter and accepting comments. Again, we ask that you DENY The Romney Group approval of this project.

Sincerely

Kyle Mathews

Lifelong resident