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Hello

I am writing today as a concerned citizen of Wilton NH over Pan Am proposing discontinuing use of a section of railroad in Wilton NH used by Milford-Bennington Railroad Company. This rail line is used daily today to transport gravel through town. Without use of the railroad, the gravel would need to be transported by other means which would significantly increase traffic of heavy machinery through our small downtown area. From what I understand, it could be as much as 90 dump trucks per day, the equivalent of what the railroad is doing today.

We are a small town and have been focused on how to restore the downtown space and make it more family friendly so residents can enjoy and come together. The extra traffic, noise and pollution that would come from trucks moving the gravel goes against what we are working so hard toward.

Another concern is around the effort to bring back a tourism train through Wilton. This is something the town has been trying to gain traction on for some time now to bring more visitors and business to down town Wilton. If the railroad itself is no longer available for use, we cannot move forward with the tourism train either.

I'm urging you reject the proposal by Pan Am and help save the future economic growth of our small town.

Thank you

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I certify that I have this day served copies of the document upon the Parties of Record in this proceeding, by U.S. Mail.

Signature /s/Malissa Knight_____

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