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I am writing in opposition to a filing by Pan Am Railways of adverse discontinuance directed toward the Milford- Bennington Rail Road Company's operating authority over a five mile line referred to as the Hillsborough Branch .The discontinuance would be extremely harmful to the citizens of the town of Wilton New Hampshire.

The Milford-Bennington Rail Road Company hauls up to 10-30 rail road hoppers full of crushed stone on that line through Wilton per day. In order to haul the equivalent tonnage/cubic yards of aggregate there would have to be in the area of 30 -90 round trips per day of trucks trying to maneuver the ever so difficult left turn on a hill at the intersection of Rt. 31 and Rt. 101 . The sheer number of the trucks, the size and the weight of them making their way through those roads in Wilton would cause an extremely dangerous situation.

Therefore, I am asking that The Surface Transportation Board strongly reject the adverse discontinuance by Pan Am Railway's of the Milford - Bennington Rail Road Company's use of the Hillsborough Branch. Having to haul the aggregate by truck would be folly, only adding to Wilton's air and noise pollution, Wilton's costs of infrastructure repair and creating a major safety hazard in Wilton.

Thank you in advance for your consideration .

Sincerely,
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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 or E-mail.

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Date

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