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I am writing to you about my opposition to the plan to by Pan Am to discontinue the operating authority held by the Milford-Bennington Railroad Company over a rail line that goes through my hometown of Wilton, New Hampshire.

Currently a freight train comes through downtown seasonally when they are mining gravel. It is my understanding that if the Milford-Bennington Railroad was no longer able to run their trains on this line this gravel would instead be transported by dozens and dozens of heavy trucks through town. This would be very dirty and noisy and hazardous to all us walking through town, including the many school children. I know that using dozens of trucks is far more polluting and less energy efficient than utilizing the train as well.

Furthermore, there are plans to attempt to bring back what had been a very popular attraction in Wilton, a tourist train. Our Economic Development Commission is in talks with interested partners and if this branch of the line is decommissioned, that's the end of that as a possible option to bring more visitors to Wilton.

Please consider the dramatic effect on the quality of our lives in our beautiful New England village if Pan Am's plan goes through. This is not a place for hundreds of rumbling trucks going over our roads and bridges. Thank you for helping us keep and grow our town as a family-friendly and charming place to live and work.

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.

I Signature Donna Crane Date 5/23/18 _____

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