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Ms. Cynthia T. Brown
Chief, Section of Administration
Office of Proceedings
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1034
Washington, DC 20024

AB 1256

Re: **Docket No. [REDACTED]**
Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal
Railway Company -- Adverse Discontinuance --
Milford-Bennington Railroad Company, Inc.

Dear Ms. Brown:

The Town of Wilton, New Hampshire has become aware that Pan Am Railways has filed a Petition for Waiver at the Surface Transportation Board reflecting its intent to seek adverse discontinuance of Milford-Bennington Railroad's operations over a section of rail line through own town. The Town is deeply concerned about the negative impact that such action could have on our community.

A local industry, Granite State Concrete, utilizes the Milford-Bennington Railroad to move raw materials from a quarry here in Wilton to their processing plant in neighboring Milford, New Hampshire. If the railroad was not able to efficiently handle that material, it would have to be trucked through our town almost daily. The negative consequences for traffic congestion, safety, and local roadway damage would be pervasive and serious.

The Town is similarly concerned about the impact that the loss of Milford-Bennington's current rail service could mean for the economic vitality of this region. The availability of responsive and effective rail service is a key to our efforts to attract new business and encourage development opportunities. It is vital that we have a locally-focused and cooperative rail carrier partner that is committed to the long-term preservation, viability and improvement of service in our area.

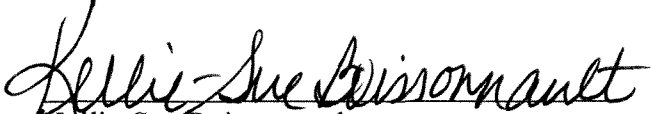
The Town is thus deeply interested in the matter before the Board, and asks to be made a party of record in this proceeding. The Town encourages the Board to closely scrutinize the

pending petition for waiver and future filings to assure that the important local community interests in Milford-Bennington's rail service are considered and protected.

Ten copies of this letter are enclosed for filing at the Board, and a copy has been served on the representatives of Pan Am Railways and Milford-Bennington Railroad.

Respectfully submitted,

Town of Wilton
Board of Selectmen


Kellie-Sue Boissonnault


Kermit R. Williams

Enclosures



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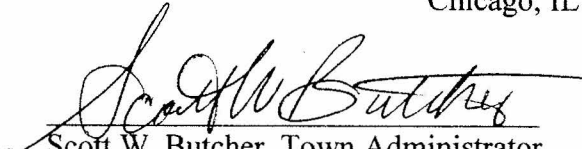
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