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As a resident of Wilton, I am writing in opposition to the request by the Boston and Maine Corporation and the Springfield Terminal Railway Company (collectively, Pan Am) to discontinue the operating authority held by the Milford-Bennington Railroad Company over a rail line on the Hillsborough Branch. If the Milford-Bennington Railroad Co. is not able to use this portion of the rail system, our small town of will be affected severely.

The substantial gravel operation in Wilton relies on the Milford-Bennington Railroad Co to haul gravel from Wilton to Milford. If they can no longer use the rail line, the gravel would need to travel by trucks through the small streets of our rustic town. The noise, damage to our roads and loss of a peaceful downtown would be tragic. Our town struggles enough as it is to attract new business and if 90+ trucks a day are rumbling through town, this is sure to discourage growth.

Additionally, we have been trying to get a scenic passenger train service to return to Wilton, and if the access to these railways is cut off it will kill yet another attempt to revitalize our downtown area.

I respectfully request that the Surface Transportation Board reject this proposal by Pan Am as it would significantly impact the future economic growth of Wilton.

Thank you.

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.

Signature Lara E Crandall

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