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Re: **Docket No. ~~AB 32 (Sub No. 108)~~**
Boston and Maine Corporation and Springfield Terminal
Railway Company -- Adverse Discontinuance --
Milford-Bennington Railroad Company, Inc.

Dear Ms. Brown:

I am writing in opposition to Pan Am Railways' Petition for Waiver seeking adverse discontinuance of the Milford-Bennington Railroad's operations.

Over the years, we have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars maintaining the track to our Mill. That did not prevent PanAm from discontinuing service many years ago. If we are ever to have any chance of regaining service, it will only be if the Milford-Bennington Railroad is operating the line.

In a broader sense, the discontinuance of the operation of the line will hinder future economic development in the area which is presently much needed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

