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Surface Transportation Board
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RE: FINANCE DOCKET #34284

Dear Sirs/Madam,

With regards to the above, I am a resident of the area where the proposed Railroad will be built. In fact one of the proposed routes would go right through my property, which I think is not only unfair but also another "big business" taking precedence over the property owners...

I realize that you must get hundreds of letters like this every day, but I can only hope that you will take into consideration the effect this railroad will have on this area..... We have so much wildlife and the air we breathe, at present, is clean and not yet polluted..... I have lung and breathing problems, and no, I have never smoked, and I want to stay out here and continue to enjoy my life as much as possible.... I am also an artist and to think that this area is to be torn apart and replaced with the pollution of a railroad to carry limestone, with all the dust particles blowing in the area is heartbreaking. I wish you could see this area and understand why so many of the residents are against this project.

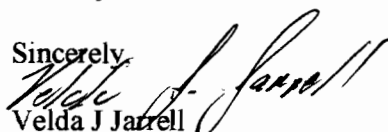
The residents of the whole west side of San Antonio are at present suffering from the burning of a mulch pile, next to a Vulcan project. This fire has been burning for several weeks and it is doubtful if it can be brought under control before March.....

I ask you to take into consideration the end results of putting a railroad in and the ensuing problems that putting a quarry in this area would have on both humans and all wild life.

PLEASE SAVE OUR LAND, NOT ONLY FOR US BUT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS SO THAT THEY TOO CAN ENJOY THEIR TEXAS AND AMERICAN HERITAGE....

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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