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Attn: Rini Ghosh
STB Docket No. FD 34284
Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Dear Ms. Ghosh:

My name is Pat Landrum, and I reside at 776 CR 354, Hondo, TX. I am a sub-contractor for major well and utility water suppliers. My heritage is in northeast Medina county, and some of this property has been in our family since 1881.

I am opposed to the Southwest Gulf Railroad project as I see it as a private rail operation to be protected by eminent domain with no justification. The SDEIS does not justify this private railroad or sum the environmental impacts of other proposed carriers.

My opposition to the Vulcan Quihi project was flamed as my work sends me to many locations in Texas for many months each year, and I work in areas of Texas such as Bridgeport, Waco, Buda, and Austin, and have witnessed the daily real environmental attack by limestone quarries on air and water. My work areas have alerted me to small communities clearly choked from their own desirable growth by Vulcan and others.

Should it be necessary to select one route for this proposed rail line, I would select the eastern course "MCEAA Medina Dam alternative" as it is less offensive to Quihi environments. The route with my most objections is the "Vulcan proposed route" as it most endangers cultural resources, causing flooding and traffic congestion.

All these decisions are made realizing it is not a passing slight inconvenience, but will be an everlasting blight. No one of Quihi residence will be free of everlasting loathsome results from this project, and any slight good is far offset by the bad.

Cc: Senator John Cornyn
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
Texas Representative Tracy King
County Judge James Barden

Yours truly,



L. P. (Pat) Landrum