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Ms Phillis Johnson-Ball

EI-2191

Surface Transportation Board

Attention Finance docket No 34797

Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball

The present environmental problems of Olin have only added to the assault on our land, water and air in South Wilmington. My husband and I moved from Cambridge MA in August 1967. I felt so blessed to have a house in the suburbs. The fresh air, clean tasty water and I started a garden. I was delighted. I was pregnant with my first child and my kids would be safe on Morse Ave, a deadend street. My modest ^{house} area met some of my expectations. There were baby frogs everywhere. When we mowed the lawn, we needed to be careful not to run them over. So I had my own little green paradise - but not for long. In the mid-seventies the frogs disappeared. The swamp water had a yellow film. The chemical odors were prevalent. Five wells have been closed. We ^(town) paid for a water purification plant. I still

I love my modest ^{house} ~~and~~ although we've improved on it over the years, I still love my garden. The children have gone and we are retired. There are so many memories attached to my home & garden that I find it difficult to leave. The land, the water and the air have been ravaged by industry. South Wilmington has been robbed of its quality of life. Please consider the burden of placing the New England Transrail in South Wilmington.

Sincerely,

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