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Surface Transportation Board
Rini Ghosh
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Finance Docket #34284
Vulcan Materials Co. / SW Gulf Railroad

Dear Ms. Ghosh:

I am a mother of three preschool children. My husband and I have been working diligently to design a safe and peaceful home in the quiet countryside near Quihi, Texas. We are very alarmed to think of such an enormous and dangerous project being considered so near to our home. This area of Medina County is quickly growing in population - good quiet neighbors. This is the **WRONG** place for a quarry and railroad!

This railroad (proposed) would be serving only the Vulcan quarry. Seizing private property for the railroad would violate many private citizen's property rights. I do not want to have to deal with the increased flooding this railroad will certainly cause.

If you do allow this project despite public protest, the so-called "MCEAA Medina Dam Route" would create the least damage to the environment and public safety. This alternative crosses the fewest roads, the fewest flood plains and avoids the Quihi area historical/archeological district.

Please act to protect public safety and our peaceful environment!
Deny this railroad permit!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Wood
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