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Surface Transportation Board
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K. Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20423

REF: Environmental Impact Statement
Finance Docket #34284
Southwest Gulf Railroad Company
Construction & Operation Exemption
Medina County, Texas

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Dear Ms. Ghosh,

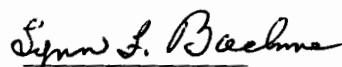
In regards to the above referenced docket and the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). We have read the draft and feel that the Surface Transportation Board and the Section of Environmental Analysis (SEA) has prepared a document, which is very thorough and addresses all concerns that have been addressed by the factions opposing Southwest Gulf Railroad and the proposed quarry by Vulcan Materials. We can appreciate the time and effort, which goes in to something of this magnitude.

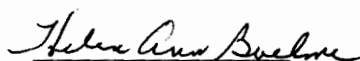
We are in favor of Vulcan Materials and the proposed quarry and the proposed railway, which will be used to transport the aggregate. We feel that this is the most environmentally friendly and safest option.

This venture will have a very positive impact on Medina County and the surrounding area with new jobs, increased taxes for the county and Hondo Independent School District, which can be used to improve education programs and pay teachers what they deserve, and increased business for small business who will be dealing with the quarry.

We are lifetime residents of Medina County.

Sincerely


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