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Surface Transportation Board
Attn: Rini Gosh
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street N.W.
Washington, D.C., 20423-0001

reference: finance docket #34284

Dear Ms. Gosh and board members,

As a Medina County land owner, I have a number of serious concerns regarding the proposed railroad from the Vulcan quarry site.

1. The only purpose of this railroad will be to haul the product from the Vulcan quarry to the main railroad. In no way will this proposed railroad serve the public good. No matter what Vulcan claims, we are not fooled. The railroad will be for Vulcan's good alone. How can land be taken from family farms and homes to satisfy the request of one large company?
2. If approved, the railroad would take land from ranches that have belonged to families for over 100 years.
3. The railroad is very likely to cause more serious flooding in areas where flooding is already a problem.
4. Unless an overpass is constructed over FM 2676, a railroad will cause traffic problems, accidents at the crossing, and delay of emergency vehicles and school buses.
5. Many historic sites will be destroyed if a railroad is built through our area.

Please consider the families in rural Medina County who have cared for the land for hundreds of years. Do not approve a railroad through their lands --- a railroad that will be of benefit, not to the public, but only to Vulcan.

Very truly yours,

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