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Attn: Rini Ghosh
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Surface Transportation Board
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Dear Ms. Ghosh:

My name is Deborah Love and I live in Houston, Texas. My parents live in Quihi on farmland that has been in continuous agricultural operation in the Balzen family for over 100 years.

Because of the continued threat of building a quarry and a railroad in Quihi, about a year ago the village of Quihi became listed as an endangered historical site by Preservation Texas (www.preservationtexas.org/endangered/2006.htm). The rural landscape and many historic sites would be ruined if the railroad is permitted.

Historians recognize the value of this area. It depicts life on the frontier in the mid-1800's when Texas was a republic. Several sites have a state marker and one has both a state and a federal marker. The MCEAA organization has been working very hard to bring out the truth about detrimental issues that would affect these sites.

My wish is to bring the human side to view and for you to listen to the farmers and ranchers fears. Most are hoping that their children and grandchildren would have their rightful heritage. Instead we are being run by boardrooms and big conglomerates which are not really thinking about the human side.

The people of Quihi are very concerned about this area due to its importance to the history of Texas with many properties eligible for listing with the National Register of Historical Places (NRHP).

We do not want a railroad and we do not want a quarry. Let us not lose this heritage!

Cc: Senator John Cornyn
Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison
Texas Representative Tracy King
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Yours truly,

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