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Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E. Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20423

ATTN: Ms. Victoria Rutson

RE: STB Finance Docket No. 34284, Southwest Gulf Railroad Company
Medina County, TX

Dear Ms, Rutson:

I am writing this letter because I do not think it is right or justified that a railroad could be built on my property or anyone else's property in Medina County. Why or Why not?

1. Our family purchased this property in 1960. We have lived at this location and fanned this land for over 47 years. That is almost the 50 years that is required to be a historical site.
2. The recent flooding, without the railway, was horrendous. Roads were covered with water; creeks were on the rise. What if the railways would have been hi place and routed the water into our homes and no telling where else?
3. Why does a private company have the right to take our land for their profit? Eminent domain should only involve public transportation not private business.

Please consider the damage a rail system would do to "Upper Quihi".

Request, if a rail system is necessary, run it along SH 471 and then Hwy 90 not through the middle of farms and ranches.

Thank you for taking your tune to read and consider my request. Your reply to my questions would be appreciated.

Sincerely,



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