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March 13, 2017

Diana Wood  
Office of Environmental Analysis  
395 E Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Draft Cultural Resources Report on  
Southwest Gulf Railroad Right -Of-Way  
STB Finance Docket No. 34284

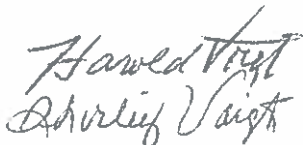
Dear Ms. Wood:

In reviewing the findings in the above named report, my husband and I feel that it does require Southwest Gulf Railroad to reconsider the proposed route of the 12.04 mile track. It appears there were an abundance of historic and cultural artifacts uncovered, particularly in the Upper Quihi Rural Historic District. We believe the proposed route would definitely impact the historic preservation of this area in a detrimental way. My husband and I have lived in this area for over twenty years, and have come to appreciate the history of this unique area.

In addition, our home is located only 200' from the proposed track at the corner of CR 4643 and CR 4516. We purchased and cleared this property ourselves in order to build our dream home. We deliberately chose this area because of its tranquility and beauty. We know the proximity of our home to the track will have, and has had, an adverse effect on the value of our property.

Also, we believe the track crossing CR 4516 will prove to be highly dangerous to traffic traveling that road. There is a slight hill on CR 4516 approaching just east of the proposed track crossing and a curve in road approaching the track from west to east.

We appreciate your time in considering our concerns.



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