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Surface Transportation Board
Rini Ghosh
Section of Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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Re: Finance Docket #34284
Vulcan Materials Co. / Southwest Gulf Railroad

Dear Ms. Ghosh,

My name is Rosalie Fournier. I live at the corner of CR 353 and FM 2676. My husband and I purchased this house in 1985 to live out our retirement years in peace and quiet with our family and neighbors. We have lived in this area since 1959. I am 86 years old now and my husband passed on in December of 2005. And now I reside by myself in my home 150 yards from where Vulcan wants to run a train with 400 cars per day.

This is not what I moved to the country for. It's what I was escaping from in San Antonio. I do not want to stop the wheels of progress, but there are more environmentally friendly routes that have been proposed by the MCEAA. Routes that will affect less people ... fewer flood zones and have less impact on the country.

Now I understand that with a mining operation going on in our community, we will have hundreds of trucks going in and out of our roads. It is well known that a gravel truck is paid by the load. The more loads, the more pay. That equates to gravel trucks will make their loads in an expedient manner. Faster means more money. And we all know what happens when independent truckers are responsible for their own maintenance on their trucks and have a need to make as many loads as possible in a single day.

Ms. Ghosh, won't you please use the utmost care when Vulcan wants to coerce a deal for their routes? It will be so appreciated.

Thank you for taking the time to read an old woman's letter about her concern for the home that she loves.

Respectfully yours,
Rosalie Fournier
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