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Dear Mrs. Diana F. Woods

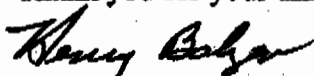
My name is Henry Balzen, my wife is Arleen Balzen. We are very concerned about the Vulcan Quarry and the proposed railroad routes; particularly the MCEAA Medina Dam Route. This route passes almost directly through our house which is located in upper Quihi on County Road 265, just north of FM2676. This route divides my field adjacent to FM2676 and my range land which is west of CR 265. This route, the Eastern Bypass and SGR's Modified Medina Dam route each divide more than two times the properties than the original proposed route.

The part of Medina County east and north of Quihi is a highly productive farm area which is a major factor in the culture of the area. Although the area is not included in the historical boundaries does not mean that it does not have historical significance to the generations of the farm families in this area.

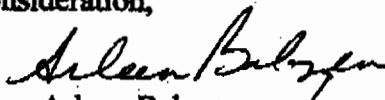
The original Vulcan route also is several miles shorter than any of the three stated above. The shorter route should have less impact on the environment and less pollution due to train exhaust and dust.

We have written this letter to voice our opposition to the routes stated and we would ask your careful consideration of all the options before your final recommendation of final route selection.

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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