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Re STB Docket No AB-156 (Sub - No 26X)
Abandonment of Trackage Located in Green Island, New York

Dear Secretary Williams

I am the Mayor of the Village of Green Island, New York and I am writing to you to express my strong objection to the proposed re-opening of the rail line, which runs through the center of our Village

This line was closed by the D&H because of the unsafe condition of the track and ties. No repairs or maintenance activities have been conducted in over 7 years.

For over thirty years the junkyard operation has been a public irritation and a public nuisance to our residents. For several years explosions of propane tanks that were routinely fed into a metal shredder have shaken buildings, broken windows and vibrated glassware and pottery items off tables and shelves.

The Village has expended over \$100,000.00 in litigation costs to attempt to improve the quality of life for our residents and despite a court settlement "on the record" the formal settlement agreement has still not been signed by R. Kelly Freedman & Sons, Inc. If this offer of financial assistance is accepted, Freedman would be able to secure exemption from State law and the terms of the settlement.

To allow this company to reopen this line would be a disaster for our community. The safety of our children who all walk to school (there is no school bus service for students) is paramount.

I urge you to reject this offer as not being in the public's interest and not in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of our children.

Very truly yours,

Ellen M. McNulty-Ryan
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