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To the members of the Surface Transportation Board:

This excerpt from an article reflects my thoughts exactly:

“The public has a right to know who actually wants to cut through their homes and farms. Should a group of nefarious investors be allowed to hide behind a strawman puppet, like Frank Patton? It's clear Frank Patton, a retired software salesman is at best a talking puppet for others. Claiming stockowners names as “proprietary and commercially sensitive information” is preposterous. If investors want to utilize eminent domain for over 23,000 acres of property from thousands of landowners, it should be public knowledge who is seeking the take by eminent domain.

It makes a person wonder what Frank Patton is attempting to hide behind this Order of Protection. Would Union Pacific hide the Top 10 list of investors? How about CSX? No. These railroads are publicly traded corporations. This information is public knowledge through SEC mandatory disclosures. There is nothing unusual for the STB to ask for the Top 10 list of investors.

Is the potential embarrassment and stigma to investors the reason for the Protective Order? Seeking over 23,000 acres of eminent domain can lead to social embarrassments.

Do some of the GLBT Investors have a history of nefarious business deals? Sure, Frank Patton has hinted some of his investors are foreign money.

Have these investors invested in other infrastructure projects?

Have these other infrastructure projects gone bankrupt, leaving the government liable to cover the loans but the investors were allowed to walk as the government covered the risk on the project?

If GLBT wants to cut through our homes, we, as a society, have an obligation to keep this process open and as transparent as possible. We, the people, have a right to properly vet those who desire take through eminent domain and not be railroaded with a swindle.

So who are the investors in GLBT and what potential scandal is Frank Patton attempting to hide with this Order of Protection?

The intent of the STB siting process is designed to be open and transparent. Hiding vital and basic information like the names of the owners and investor should not be allowed. If the people behind the GLBT llc don't want to come forward, then cancel this project."

Think about it, somebody wants to take your land, says it is a "needed" project, and then refuses to disclose who is behind it. In ethics, we would say it flunks "the smell test."

This project would completely disrupt my neighborhood and damage my property value. It could pollute my well. It will affect the safety of thousands of people. We should know exactly who is behind it.

Thank you for your consideration.

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