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Six County Association of Governments - Construction and Operation Exemption -
Rail Line Between Juab and Salina, Utah
Public Scoping Meeting Comment Sheet

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Comments may be submitted to:
Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
STB Finance Docket No. 34075
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001
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Deadline: November 15, 2003 Was changed to December
(Please be as specific as possible) 5 December 2003

What potential environmental issues and impacts are you concerned about?

We are both extremely concerned about
the proposed rail line between Juab and
Salina, Utah, because it will personally
affect our entire family not to mention
our home and property!

We both attended the public meeting
that was held at North Sevier High School
in Salina, Utah on October 23, 2003. And
we would like to address these issues that
we have that are most precious and sacred
to us.

First of all we have seven children
and we're expecting our eighth child in
April. Two of our children (Korynn and Thomas)
are Autistic. Autism is a concern in itself



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because individuals with autism do not understand about dangerous situations ~ like running in front of a car, or a train for that matter. They have no sense of fear and don't develop that sense even as they grow older.

We moved to Redmond eight years ago for the welfare of our growing family. We felt that it was the ideal home and location with room for our children to play and grow.

The proposed Rail line, should it be approved will be only 100 feet away from our house. Malcom Nash Sevier County's Economic Developer, visited our home in April of this year and said that of all the people who would be affected by the rail road, that we would be hit the hardest.

That is a rather hard statement that we do not take lightly. He also said that less deer would be hit by coal trucks should the rail line come in.

Our question to you is ~ since when are deer more important than human lives?? We have enclosed pictures of our seven children so that you could see that there are really "faces" to their names. These children will be in real danger of harm should you approve the proposed rail line. Are you really willing to jeopardise these

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innocent children's lives? Is that something you can live with?

The next issue we have is our physical home. What will happen to the condition of it? How can the foundation withstand the shaking from the trains as they pass? We have talked to people who have lived next to a train and they said they could actually see the rails come out of the walls as the trains would go by.

How can a train carrying that much weight not destroy our home, our well water and septic tank when it is only 100 feet away?

Who would even want to buy our house if we decided to leave because of all the risks to our family? Who would willingly acquire these risks? This rail line would destroy us financially because we invested all of our savings to buy our home and property eight years ago. We would never be able to get what it is worth in a real estate transaction. Would justice really be done here?

All across America people are abusing the use of Eminent Domain and taking private land from people and then selling it to another private owner to get higher property taxes from the

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new owner. This is a real problem and the "Institute for Justice" fights this kind of injustice all the time. We have contacted the Institute for Justice and we will pursue whatever it takes to protect our family and our home.

We know that Sevier County is wanting to promote future businesses with the use of the Rail line, why then did they turn away Walmart some 12 years ago when Walmart wanted to build their warehouse here? That would have meant jobs and more money for Sevier County.

We are not against progress. We understand companies want to transport their products as inexpensive as possible. We are against it being right next to our home. That is the real issue.

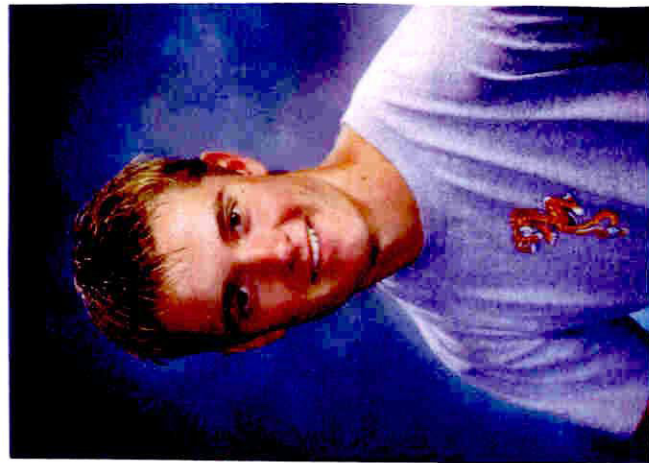
There are other options besides this rail line. We would rather it be rail line "CE" or "EE" which is east of Redmond or farther west of us on the other side of the State Canal and out of peoples property (homes) and farm land, where it will be safer for the people who live here.

We would greatly appreciate your taking this matter to heart remembering those individuals who will be most affected. Our family.

Thank you,

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+ Barbara Gilbert



Joshua 17 years



Jathan 11 years



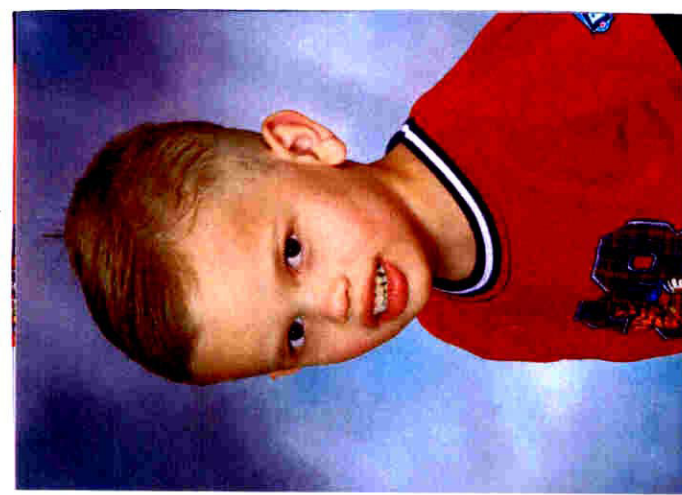
Lauren 9 years



Rachael 6 years



Korynn 4 years



Thomas 4 years



Hayden 1 year

The Gilbert Children