

Adam Assenza
OEA Project Manger
Surface transportation Board
Docket No. FD 36815
395 E. Street SW
Washington, DC 20423

March 19, 2025

Subject: Formal Objection to Quarry Train Rail Line Near Our Burnet TX Homestead

Dear Sir,

This letter states that I am strongly opposed to the Texas Materials Group rail line. Our Homestead is approximately 3/4 of a mile from the proposed tracks and directly affects 120 homes along the railway. I believe this is an unacceptable intrusion of our property rights.

This project presents serious concerns regarding environmental impact (air quality, noise pollution and endangering wildlife), property devaluation, potential accidents (derailment, human fatalities and fires), invasion of privacy and personal safety. Young children, teenagers and vagrants will be able to walk along the tracks and then directly into the backyards of the homesteads close to the tracks.

Fifty plus years ago, during a more conservative culture, vagrants would hitch a ride on the sides of trains and drop off near neighborhoods. They would walk over mile and camped out on our family's backdoor begging for supplies, food and causing great concern for our family's personal well-being.

Mr Assenza, please join this TX community in opposing this project from further development. Thank you for being an advocate to preserve this TX Hillcountry's beauty, peace and homestead owners right for safety.

Sincerely,

Lucretia Valle