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Adam Assenza

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Surface Transportation Board

Docket No. FD 36815

395 E Street SW

Washington, DC 20423

Subject: Formal Objection to Proposed Rail Line Near My Home

Dear Adam Assenza,

I am writing to formally express my strong opposition to the proposed Texas Materials Group rail line, which is planned to pass within 100 yards of my home. This project would have severe and unacceptable consequences for my family, particularly my 11-year-old son, who has special needs. We specifically purchased this property as a safe and therapeutic haven for him, and the construction of a railway so close to our home would destroy the environment we carefully created to support his well-being.

The noise, vibrations, and increased industrial activity associated with a railway would cause extreme distress for my son, who relies on a calm and predictable environment. Loud, sudden noises and disruptions to his routine can have profound effects on his

emotional and physical health, making daily life significantly more challenging. The introduction of a rail line so close to our home would not only undermine his quality of life but could also cause severe anxiety, sleep disturbances, and behavioral regressions.

Beyond the impact on my son, my entire family would face substantial safety and quality-of-life concerns. The railway's proximity would increase the risks of pollution, hazardous material transport, and potential derailments, and fires—threats that should not be imposed upon families, especially those with vulnerable members. Additionally, the loss of property value and the destruction of our peaceful environment are entirely unacceptable.

This project appears to prioritize corporate convenience over the well-being of local residents, and I urge Texas Materials Group and the relevant authorities to reconsider the route. The lack of public engagement and transparency surrounding this proposal is deeply troubling, and I demand to know what alternative routes have been considered. Forcing this project through residential areas with vulnerable populations is not only inconsiderate but fundamentally wrong.

I formally request a written response addressing how Texas Materials Group intends to mitigate these serious concerns and whether alternative routes are under review. My family and I will pursue all available legal and administrative avenues to protect our home and my son's right to a safe and stable living environment.

I kindly request a timely response. Please direct all correspondence to my contact information above.

Sincerely,

Stephanie A. Ahr