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To: Members of the Surface Transportation Board
of the U. S. Department of Transportation
Case Control Unit
Finance Docket No. 34284
Southwest Gulf Railroad Company
Construction and Operation Exemption
Medina County, Texas

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Members of the Surface Transportation Board:

I have followed with interest the long-term efforts of Vulcan Mining and Materials Company who plans to develop a quarry in northeastern Medina County. They will need to move the aggregate in the most efficient and safe manner possible. Therefore, I support the request of Southwest Gulf Railroad (SGR) to build a rail line to provide transportation of limestone and any other products in that area.

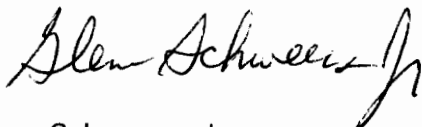
You have thoroughly studied a number of possible rail routes and published your findings in two volumes of Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Finance Docket No. 34284, for SGR. This information prompts me to believe it is very important that you do agree to rail transportation rather than hauling aggregate by truck.

From studying the various proposed routes, I found only one which would be the best choice for providing the safest and most economical path for most persons concerned. The direct route proposed by Vulcan Materials provides the following reasons for my support of that choice:

- (a) This route would cross fewer roads and provide more safety for those who travel FM 2676 and other rural roads nearby.
- (b) Several properties along this route are already owned by Vulcan Materials Company.
- (c) Fewer people live or work on properties along this route. (Some who protest this path neither live nor work there.)
- (d) The shortest route passes through limited drainage areas, causing fewer concerns about flooding.

My family and I lived north of Quihi for several years but moved to San Antonio where we work at jobs which provide better support for our needs. However, I regularly return there to work with ranching and farming interests on properties which have been in my family since the late 1800's. I was present at the hearing in Medina County Courthouse in 2006, and because of my concern for this project involving a rail line, I believe the shortest, most direct route would be best for Vulcan and area residents. Thank you for allowing me to express these views.

Sincerely,



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