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Dear Ms. Gosselin, Ms. Webster, and Ms. Stevens:

Attached is my letter regarding the proposed creation of a private railroad crossing on my property by Lampwrights LLC, along with a map of the proposed crossing.

Respectfully,

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Ms. Danielle Gosselin
Ms. Elizabeth Webster
Ms. Karen Stevens
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423

Dear Ms. Gosselin, Ms. Webster and Ms. Stevens:

Upon further review of Justin Marks' letter and accompanying maps to the OEA of [September 19, 2025](#) it is extremely important that I bring to your attention the following information:

1. When I first met with Keystone Acquisition Services Corporation on [April 15, 2025](#) (the firm retained by Lampwrights to acquire property necessary for their plan), they were made very aware of the full use of my property by the First Apostles' Doctrine Church and the Just for Jesus Challenge Homeless Outreach Ministry, and which buildings, structures and facilities on the property are utilized by the church and ministry, as well as their specific locations on the property.

I had specifically asked Keystone if they were an eminent domain company. They assured me that they were not.

2. As I have pointed out previously, Lampwrights is intending to eliminate the use of the primary access driveway to:

- My private residence
- Both indoor and outdoor church sanctuaries
- My barn and fields
- Carpentry, mechanics, paint shop, automotive restoration shops used for providing trade opportunities for the homeless
- Storage trailers
- Parking areas for the church congregation

3. Lampwrights is intending to create a **private railroad grade crossing across what would be the only (primary) access to my property**, that crosses in front of the parsonage and homeless

outreach (which will become virtually useless since the proposed right of way surrounds 3 sides of the house)

4. My research has shown that the Federal Railroad Administration nor the Federal Highway Administration, nor the Surface Transportation Board regulate private railroad crossings. Rather, they are regulated by private agreements between a landowner and the operating railroad.

5. Private crossings are intended for the use of the property owner and their invitees, **not the general public**.

6. The First Apostles' Doctrine Church, which exists on my property, is **open to the general public**. The church has both indoor and outdoor sanctuaries, fellowship grounds, and sponsors annual events that are open to the general public from a large geographic area, including but not limited to an annual tent revival, camping and recreational opportunities, softball games, fishing tournaments and tours of Biblical scenes on the property, **I am gravely concerned that the creation of this private crossing, which would become the ONLY access to all buildings and structures on my property, including all church-related buildings and facilities, will have the intended result of restricting, hindering or eliminating public access to the church and its facilities. This would be a complete violation of the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000.**

7. With Lampwrights proposing to eliminate my current primary driveway access and creating a private crossing across what would become the only access to the property, I am seriously concerned about the consequences if emergency medical, first responders or firefighters would need to access my property, and the private crossing was blocked by a train. In reviewing the available information about private railroad crossings, there is no regulation limiting how long a train may block a private rail crossing. The 5 minute limitation on a train blocking a rail crossing only exists for public rail crossings.

8. From time to time, people come to visit on my property, including their desire to attend worship services or church fellowship activities, on bicycle and on foot. From what I can determine, it is **illegal for anyone to cross a private railroad crossing in anything other than a motorized vehicle**. Namely, anyone crossing on a bicycle or on foot would be committing an illegal act, subject to charges of trespassing on railroad property.

9. I need to be as clear as I possibly can that if this proposal goes through, it would literally prevent anyone from coming onto my property for any purpose whatsoever if they were not in a motorized vehicle, because my primary access would be eliminated and the only other access would involve this proposed private crossing.

10. Safety devices or warnings are typically not installed by railroads at private crossings, which significantly increases the risk to anyone who chooses to use that private crossing.

11. A copy of the map showing the private crossing and the elimination of my primary access is attached.

It is unconscionable to realize what Lampwrights is proposing – not just wanting to deprive me of the use and enjoyment of my own property, but severely hampering, if not eliminating the constitutional rights of the First Apostles' Doctrine Church to invite the general public to participate in worship and fellowship.

In light of this newly-released footprint of the proposed rail line, its right-of-ways and calamitous impact on my personal property rights, as well as the horrific impact on the church and ministry, and Lampwrights now claiming that they will be pursuing eminent domain by stating that **“they will own the land after the STB grants their petition”** I am now considering these proposed actions by Lampwrights to be a violation of my 1st Amendment Rights, harassing in nature, and are causing a great deal of emotional, mental and spiritual stress for me, the local community and the members of the church.

I would appreciate a response to these grave concerns at your earliest opportunity.

Respectfully,

Bishop Jack Wisor

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 State Senator Cris Dush
 State Rep. Mike Armanini
 State Rep. Brian Smith
 Elk County Commissioners
 Horton Township Supervisors
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Matchline -- See Bottom Right

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Proposed Track
Existing Track

Temp. Disturbance
Perm. Disturbance

Tree Remove
Creek

