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Surface Transportation Board
Case Control Unit
Washington, D.C. 20423

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Attention: Rini Ghosh
STB Docket No. FD34284

Dear Ms Ghosh;

I am concerned about the proposed Vulcan quarry and railroad project and I feel that both are connected and deserve further study.

The Quihi area of Medina County is a beautiful farming and ranch community. The residents are kind and friendly. My husband and I moved here 3 years ago because we wanted to be a part of this special area. We brought our business with us. Our jobs don't offend the people, take their land, endanger water sources or create flooding issues. We want to contribute by being a good neighbor.

Also, our land is in a flood plain that was created by the railroad berm at the Highway 90 railroad. 3 creeks come together just before the railroad tracks. In the last big flood in our area the water backed up to within a foot of the house until the berm gave way, and the water immediately left. Any new railroad berms in this area will create more of the same problems.

Finally, I feel that it is wrong for a private business to take easements through Heritage farms and divide ranch land for its own benefit. Please do not let an industrial business take over and ruin this great place.

Sincerely,



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cc: Congressman Henry Bonilla
cc: US Senator John Cornyn
cc: US Congresswoman Kay Bailey Hutchison
cc: Texas Senator Frank Madla