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Surface Transportation Board
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ATTN: Phillis Johnson-Ball
Environmental Filing
STB Financial Docket No. 35087

Dear STB and Ms. Ball:

My family and I are unable to attend the meeting this evening (1/17) at St. Andrews Golf Club. We are very concerned residents quite near to the train tracks on W. Bartlett Road and would like to express our concerns in the following areas with regard to this issue:

Air Pollution: already we have a power plant on N. Gifford Rd. and industrial businesses along W. Bartlett Rd. which are emitting pollution, with the proximity to the schools (Nature Ridge and Liberty Elementary) we feel very strongly no additional risks for contributing to the air pollution should be considered.

Environmental Impact: our concern over the transport of hazardous materials is great, again the proximity to a large population of young children at Nature Ridge Elementary and additionally Liberty Elementary – how can we be sure the land and homes adjacent to the school would not be impacted by a potential hazmat spill? These subdivisions are full of families with children and the children are always playing outside in the common and open field areas.

Emergency Services: **this is the single most important reason to not increase the traffic on these tracks for any reason.** Bartlett's analysis of the emergency service needs of our community required a new fire station which is located on the other side of these tracks. The increase in the freight traffic alone increases the risk that emergency services may not be available in adequate time to our community. Additionally emergency medical services response time to Nature Ridge Elementary would be at risk. Nature Ridge Elementary has a population over 800 students, this is an unacceptable risk and therefore this proposal should not be approved.

Real Estate Property Value: we purchased our home with the intent to stay here forever. We love our community and recognize the importance of business needs as well, however, it is common knowledge that train traffic is a detriment to an area being classified as desirable. We do not want to have to move because of business decisions risking our personal safety. In the buyers market the choice to purchase a home next to this amount of train traffic or not is an easy one to make and we, the current homeowner, lose out. Many reasons cause people to move and some are unintended as well, why should our investment be negatively affected by a clearly unsafe business decision?

We appreciate the opportunity to voice our concerns and are confident that they will be considered with the utmost regard for what is best for our community.

Sincerely,
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