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Department of Transportation  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001



Re: STB Finance Docket No. 34429  
Comments on the New York City  
Economic Development Corporation  
Petition for Declaratory Order

To Whom It May Concern:

Vanbro Corporation of 1900 South Avenue, Staten Island, New York, as an adjacent property owner to the Travis Branch of the Staten Island Railroad and, interested party, is hereby submitting comments on the petition referenced above.

Vanbro agrees with the position of the New York City Economic Development Corporation that the project described in the petition does not require approval.

Vanbro also agrees that if Federal law preempts the State of New York and the City from requiring permits or other prior approval with respect to the proposal construction, the NYC Economic Development Corporation should be allowed to proceed with the project.

As a major distributor of aggregates and materials, Vanbro Corporation will be an important industrial user of the reactivated Travis Branch of the Staten Island Railroad via a proposal rail side track connection that is now in the final permit approval stage.

Vanbro supports the petition of the NYC Economic Development Corporation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cornelius Vanderbilt".

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, President

Cc: Charles A. Soitulnik, McLeod, Watkinson & Miller  
NYC Economic Development Corporation

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