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Case Control Unit
Finance Docket No. 33407
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington D.C. 20423-0001
ATTN: Victoria Rutson
Section of Environmental Analysis

I have lived in my present home for 27 years. I purchased this home with the hope of never having to move again. I would like to tell you my feelings on the DME expansion, not that it will do any good, but it will make me feel better.

I grew up with railroads so 3 or 4 trains daily does not disturb me. The increase in train traffic that DME is talking about does disturb me for more than one reason.

Pollution: We (the people) are slowly killing ourselves and our world with air, noise and chemical pollution.

Increasing train traffic (with added air and noise pollution) through the heart of a medical city makes no sense at all, common sense seems to be lacking in this situation.

The noise and vibration of a train every ½ hour would be unbearable , to say nothing of air pollution. I have had lung surgery and with the additional air pollution I would need central air conditioning which I do not have and cannot afford.

The thought of running that many trains daily through the heart of the medical district, let alone the city is not right, it scares me, it is dangerous. Someone is not using good judgment to put it mildly.

It seems to boil down to the almighty BUCK, the dollar versus health and environmental issues, to my way of thinking people and city welfare should be a priority. **DME SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO EXPAND THROUGH THE CITY OF ROCHESTER.** I am sure there must be a way to build a bypass. The almighty BUCK should be DME's problem, not ours.

As for the value of homes and doing additional insulation for noise. I live on a limited income, what with increased taxes, utilities, the decreased value

of my home and all the other miscellaneous increases every year, I for one, and I'm sure there are many others, cannot afford for DME to expand through the heart of Rochester.

The train tracks run next to a heavily used bike path, the thought of more and faster trains is definitely an accident waiting to happen.

Enclosed please find a news article from 1998 – 7 years ago.

It is time to make the right decision and tell the railroad to build a bypass.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jan Jacobson".

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