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February 17, 2004

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
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Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, D.C. 20423
Case#: 2028573

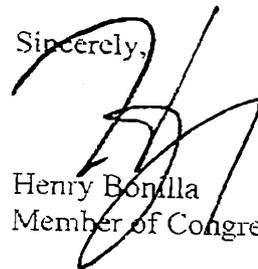
Dear Secretary Williams:

Please find enclosed correspondence from my constituent, Dr. Robert T. Fitzgerald, President of the Medina County Environmental Action Association (MCEAA) of Quihi, Texas. Dr. Fitzgerald is requesting my assistance forwarding the MCEAA's letter addressed to Ms. Victoria Rutson, requesting an extension of the February 26, 2004, deadline for a public meeting.

Please review this matter and respond to me at my San Antonio district office. My Constituent Liaison, Gabriel Lozano, will work with me on this case and can be contacted at the number listed below if you require assistance.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Henry Bonilla
Member of Congress

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Enclosure

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FAX MESSAGE

Date: February 10, 2004

To: U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla
Ph 210-697-9055
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From: Dr. Robert T. Fitzgerald, President
The Medina County Environmental Action Association, Inc.

Message: To follow —letter dated February 10, 2004, to Ms. Victoria Rutson requesting public meetings, and extension of February 26 deadline if necessary to schedule these meetings.

Original mailed.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could please forward this letter to Ms. Rutson on behalf of The Medina County Environmental Action Association, Inc. Thank you.

Robert T Fitzgerald

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FAX MESSAGE

Date: February 10, 2004

To: Ms. Victoria Rutson, Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis
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From: Dr. Robert T. Fitzgerald, President
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Message: To follow letter dated February 10, 2004, to Ms. Victoria Rutson requesting public meetings, and extension of February 26 deadline if necessary to schedule these meetings.

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February 10, 2004

Ms. Victoria Rutson, Chief
Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20402-0001

Re: FD 34284
Proposed Southwest Gulf Railroad
Medina County Project

Dear Ms. Rutson:

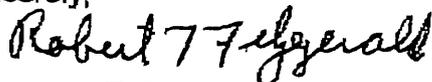
As per my telephone conversation with Rini Ghosh this date I am making the following request. Based on the number of inquiries from members of the MCEAA, Inc., we request the STB to conduct at least two public workshops in this area concerning the EIS on the above matter.

As previously noted in Dr. Kitchen's letter of January 31, many of the people in this area of Medina County who would be impacted by this project are unfamiliar with the proper procedures to address their concerns about this project to the STB. We believe this request for public workshops is justified.

We are also requesting that you consider extending the deadline for submitting these comments if the workshops can not be held within the proper time frame.

Your prompt attention to this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Dr. Robert T. Fitzgerald, President
MCEAA, Inc.

cc: U.S. Senator John Comyn
U. S. Representative Henry Bonilla
Texas Senator Frank Madla
David Barton, Attorney
Dr. Lynn Kitchen, Principal Scientist

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