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Surface Transportation Board  
Case Control Unit  
Washington, D.C. 20423-0001

Att: Rini Ghosh

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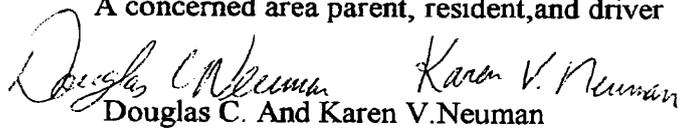
Dear Ms. Ghosh:

I am Douglas Neuman. I have lived in the proposed quarry area for 28 years. My family owns land that is in the path of the proposed routes and alternate routes. My biggest concern is the rail crossing of f.m. 2676. As I recall from a general meeting, Vulcan proposed building a crossing under f.m. 2676. Then there was discussion of building f.m. 2676 over the proposed crossing area. Now Vulcan states that they will just make a grade level crossing and decide later if they should build the highway bridge over the crossing. I have two children, ages 6 and 9. Soon they will be driving the highways in this area. I do not want the added danger of a grade level crossing to be yet another concern to worry about. Life is priceless. If this grade level crossing is allowed, people will lose their life.

This letter is in response to the Notice of Intent to Prepare and Environmental Impact Statement, I am submitting the following to be considered in the formal scoping process.

I believe Vulcan's proposed quarry and proposed SGR rail line, regardless of where the railroad is constructed, are connected actions, and should be studied in the same Environmental Impact Statement. The study should include direct impacts and alternative to both projects, including no quarry and no rail line at all.

A concerned area parent, resident, and driver



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