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South Carolina Department of Commerce  
Attention: Robert M. Hitt III  
Secretary Of Commerce  
1201 Main Street, Suite 1600  
Columbia, SC 29201-3200

Dear Mr.Hitt:

I am writing to protest the plans of Palmetto Railways to run railroad tracks a mere 75 feet from the Lowcountry Orphan Relief building cutting off crucial space now used for parking and the annual Make a Child Happy Day hosted for abused children. This proposed track will bring a train at least 3 times per day and with that, exposure to harmful diesel emissions, increased noise levels and a 45% decrease to Lowcountry Orphan Relief's property value.

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Lowcountry Orphan Relief serves the most vulnerable children in North Charleston and depends on volunteers to support this cause. Please use your influence to divert this crisis.

Yours truly,



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Palmetto Railways  
Attention: Jeffrey McWhorter  
President and CEO  
540 East Bay Street  
Charleston, SC 29403

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cc Governor Nikki Haley  
Lowcountry Orphan Relief

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