

May 4, 2006

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Surface Transportation Board  
1925 K Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20423

Finance Docket No. 34747

RE: Olin Property, Wilmington, MA 01887

Dear Ms. Bell:

I am writing you this letter in **opposition** of the proposed "**Transrail Site**" that is being considered in the town, where my husband, daughter and I reside, Wilmington, MA.

My husband and I have lived in Wilmington for 21+ years, raised our daughter, and recently (2004) built a new home in Wilmington, off of Butters Row. Butters Row is not too far from the **Olin Chemical site**.

Shortly after we moved to this side of Wilmington, I was diagnosed with a *Breast Tumor*. Due to nature of this tumor, I had to undergo a mastectomy to eliminate any chances of reoccurrence. This type of tumor does not respond to chemotherapy, or radiation and would metastasize upon its return if I did not do this radical surgery.

When I learned about my *breast tumor*, I also became aware of similar cancer issues in this part of town. I quickly became concerned and believed that it had something to do with the ongoing concerns regarding the **Olin Chemical site**. (*Five of Wilmington's drinking wells were shut down in 2003, when it discovered a carcinogen contaminating the water.*) (1) **Is Olin the culprit?**)

I have just finished up the last of my surgeries relating to my mastectomy and was planning on continuing my investigation into these issues, and how it could stem from the contaminants on this site. Could this be the cause of the wide spread problem? **A continued study into this problem is eminent.**

That being said, and due to the fact the **Olin Chemical site** has not been cleared of these contamination issues, offering this site as a **transfer station** for hazardous waste, will only add insult to injury.

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Although this does not sit directly in any ones backyard, **this is a heavily populated residential area.**

Don't you think Wilmington and Woburn have suffered enough with theses continued environmental issues? The **Olin Chemical Co.** site has not fully remediated and the extent of contamination is not fully understood or recognized. What is the magnitude of this contamination area, how many residence near by have been effected and to what extent? Could this be another " Civil Action" waiting to happen? W.G. Grace, in Woburn, MA is still fresh in the mind and hearts of many who live nearby or are residence in the City of Woburn.

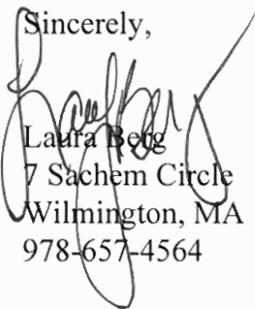
Until we have a better understanding of what this town and the residents near by the Olin Chem. Co. are faced with, the utilization of this site for another **hazardous waste endeavor** would be **irreverent** to the town of Wilmington and the City of Woburn.

Let's not entertain the ramifications from engaging into this **hazardous waste transrail**, and what permanent effects it will have on the future generation of our communities.

As concerned citizens and residents of Wilmington, we ask that the **Surface Transportation Board** (STB) look for alternative sites, that would not put the future of our children or our community in harms way.

If I/we can be of future service or assistance to the STB, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,



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(1) Author: Rebecca Fater, The Lowell Sun " Grim wait for cancer report"