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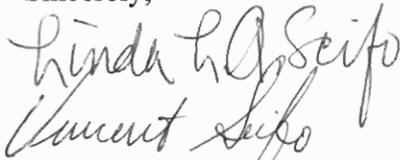
Re: Olin Property, Wilmington, MA

Dear Ms. Johnson Ball:

Please hear our vote for NO TRANSRAIL SITE in Wilmington, MA. The cancer rate among Wilmington residents is already too high. We are currently participating in a health study with our youngest child and are quite concerned about Wilmington's cancer rate. Too many friends of our children are suffering from cancer and its effects directly related to the Olin property contamination. I urge you consider placing this site in a less densely populated area. Many of the trains go beyond the densely populated towns into more rural towns—is this not a better answer than to burden an already suffering town with even more problems?

I have attended meetings with attorney Jan Schlichtmann on the problems Wilmington is now facing in the aftermath of the Olin Corporation closure. He is the lawyer now made famous by the lawsuit he fought back in 1984 that was turned into a book and movie "A Civil Action" starring John Travolta. If you recall the children in Woburn had been falling ill and dying of leukemia in unusually high numbers. The victims' families became convinced that the town's polluted drinking water was to blame. Mr. Schlichtmann was out-spent and out-maneuvered by the high-powered defense attorneys hired by corporate giants W.R. Grace and Beatrice Foods. After two frustrating years of litigation, Schlichtmann settled out of court. But the Environmental Protection Agency forced Grace and Beatrice to pay for the nation's most expensive toxic cleanup. This cleanup took place only a few miles from our existing Olin pollution site and until these issues have been resolved I do not think it is fair to allow more potential problems to begin on this very site—the population of Wilmington and Woburn have had to deal with too much!

Sincerely,

  
Linda and Vincent Scifo