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May 5, 2006

Phyllis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street NW
Washington, DC20423

Attention: Finance Docket No. 34797

Dear Ms Johnson-Ball:

I am writing in regard to your request for comments pertaining to New England Transrail moving to the Olin site in Wilmington, MA. My family and I have lived at 23 Brentwood Ave. Wilmington, MA for 37 years, which is about ¼ mile from the Olin site. Hopefully, some of the information in this letter can be taken into consideration when making the decision regarding New England Transrail and the Olin site.

Over the years the residents of Wilmington, and particularly this neighborhood, have been assaulted by serious environmental problems from some of the industries in our town. Many of these companies have been 21E sites. Very often we have had to keep our windows closed in the summer because of obnoxious odors. We have had to evacuate the neighborhood because of spills. There is a nursing home just down the street that had to be evacuated because of a spill. Many times these odors would just hang heavily over the neighborhood. Many times we have had to call the Police and or Fire Dept to come to our neighborhood because of these conditions.

Certainly, our neighbors in the City of Woburn have had to bear a huge burden over the years and hopefully this can be taken into consideration when making the decision regarding the Olin site.

Wilmington has had to close some of it's wells due to contamination. We also have a Superfund site in Tewksbury, MA, which is about 5 miles from us. At this time there is a study being done by the Mass Dept of Public Health on childhood cancers in Wilmington. The study is being conducted because of the high number of childhood cancers in Wilmington. The fact that the Olin site is now a Superfund site should make us even more diligent in deciding what type of company should be allowed to move onto that property. At this time there about 70 children under the age of 12 within ¼ to ½ mile from Olin.

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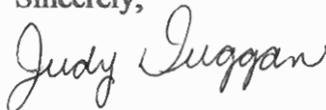
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We have spent years as residents of Wilmington trying to get our environment cleaned up from the serious damage done by our industrial neighbors. It is difficult to explain how stressful it is to constantly be worried about the health of your family and others. It really has had a huge impact on the quality of our lives. We have thought of moving many times but that is not always easy to do.

Another question is what will happen to the value of our property if a company such as New England Transrail comes into our neighborhood. As with a lot of people our home is the greatest asset we have.

I must believe that if we can all make a stand on these matters that maybe, just maybe, we could leave an environment with clean air and clean water to our children and grandchildren. They really do deserve that from us.

Sincerely,



Cc: US Senator, John F. Kerry
US Senator, Edward Kennedy
Congressman, John Tierney
State Senator Charles Murphy
State Representative, James Miceli
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