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Woburn, MA 01801

Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
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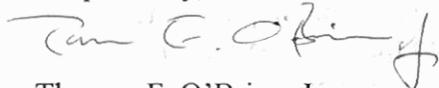
Ms. Johnson-Ball:

I am writing to voice my opposition to Transrail operating at the Olin Chemical site in Wilmington, MA.

My reasons are as follows:

- The project will severely impact heavily populated areas in both Wilmington and Woburn. There are dense residential neighborhoods at both ends of Eames Street, and along the entire length of Route 38 in Woburn. Areas north and south of the site are densely populated regions in close proximity to this site.
- The extent of previous contamination at the Olin Chemical site is not fully understood yet. The site should remain undeveloped until its contamination issues are understood and resolved by the EPA.
- 400 trucks a day will be a hazard on our streets since the majority of the area surrounding the site is residential. We are unprepared in the event of a liquid, gas, or solid waste spill in the magnitudes that will arrive at this site. The new onramp built for Route 93 is too narrow for safely transporting materials in trucks to and from this site, therefore residential roads will most likely be used instead.
- Two elementary schools, a preschool, a daycare center and a large senior housing complex are located in North Woburn on Route 38 and the high number of truck activity will have an enormous impact on an already over burdened roadway
- Noise generated by the immense grinding operation at night will be an unbearable nuisance to the nearby densely populated areas of North Woburn and South Wilmington.
- Odor and pests from the municipal solid waste, which will be handled at the site, will impact nearby homes.
- Lastly, I have lived in Woburn my whole life, I was born here and my children are now growing up here, this area has had its share of environmental injustice. We have 2 landfills, 3 Superfund sites, Wells G&H, and recognition world wide of the injustice, which has occurred here. The addition of this sort of operation is an insult to what our communities have endured!

Respectfully,



Thomas F. O'Brien, Jr.