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The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary, Surface Transportation Board
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Dear Representative Williams,

I am writing to you regarding the proposed trash transfer station at the old Olin Chemical Sight in Wilmington, Massachusetts. It is my understanding that this issue is before your board and that a decision is pending. I am a small business owner who has two businesses that would be tremendously affected by your decision to locate this business at this sight. The proposed location is very close to a very dangerous intersection at Routes 128(95) and 93. There are numerous vehicular accidents at this intersection every year. The cities of Woburn and Reading, and the State are currently devising a plan to reconstruct this intersection. To the best of my knowledge this new intersection is 10 years away. To add 200-400 truck trips per day to this area (including the Route 38 roadway that is also in this very congested area) would be detrimental to business and residents. It would devalue many local resident and business property values **significantly** for a variety of obvious reasons, and the additional traffic on all these routes would be a tremendous safety hazard to Massachusetts drivers. And the impact it would have on the businesses in the area would be huge. Our clients would think twice before going to do business on roadways that are always affected by heavy traffic and numerous accidents.

My business is across the railroad tracks from a wood recycling business and the smell is horrible. When the wind blows in the right direction (especially in the spring, summer, fall seasons) it smells like something died. To add to that the smells that would come from a trash transfer station - it is just not right to subject people who live and work in the area to that. How would you feel if your home or business were located close to these types of businesses? It is my opinion that Woburn deserves better than this. It should be noted that it is Woburn that will suffer the most since Wilmington does not allow heavy trucking on the roadways that trucks would need to use to access this sight.

In reality, all trucks would enter through Woburn.

I hope you will take to heart the impact this will have on the residents, small businesses, and Massachusetts drivers in this area. Please choose a sight less dense and with less vehicular traffic. It is the right thing to do.

Most sincerely.

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