

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

November 29, 2016

Ms. Danielle Gosselin
Office of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Docket No. 34797 (Sub-No.1)

Ms. Gosselin:

We are writing to you today to offer our voice of concern to the Surface Transportation Board dated September 30, 2016 regarding the petition by New England TransRail, LLC at the Olin Chemical site in Wilmington, MA.

After hearing from constituents and local elected officials, we are deeply concerned about the detrimental environmental impact, as well as the adverse quality of life impacts this kind of development would have on the residents from both Woburn and Wilmington along Route 38.

The combination of increased trucking traffic, proximity of the traffic and facility to residential neighborhoods and the vicinity with which the aforementioned is to the Altavesta Elementary School makes this an issue of vital concern to the residents of Woburn.

Furthermore, the proposal would also be a transfer site for hazardous materials including liquid natural gas. If handled incorrectly, transferring liquid natural gas can result in dangerous explosions, as evidenced by the 2014 incident in Washington.

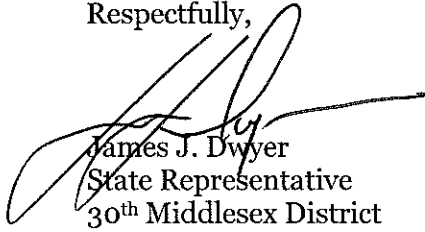
The location of the proposed transfer station is near a residential neighborhood which causes us even greater concern for the safety and wellbeing of residents.

We respectfully request that the Surface Transportation Board conduct further reviews of the negative impacts to the region. It is also our understanding that a complete and thorough investigation of the true impacts of the contamination at the Olin Chemical site has not been completed.

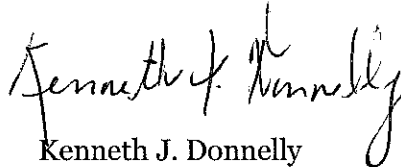
Due to the detrimental impacts this would have on the public safety, health, and welfare of the residents along Route 38 in Woburn, we respectfully request further deliberation and review be conducted before the project advances any further in the process.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to hearing your response to our concerns on this matter.


Respectfully,



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State Representative
30th Middlesex District



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State Senator
4th Middlesex District



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cc: Scott D. Galvin, Mayor
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Woburn Neighborhood Association, c/o Michael Raymond