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Secretary Stephen R. Pritchard, Executive Office of Environmental Affairs (EOEA)
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900, Boston, MA 02114

RE: Russell Biomass, EOE # 13635

Dear Secretary Pritchard:

We, the undersigned, express our opposition to the Russell Biomass proposal, EOE # 13635 currently under review by your office through the Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) process. We think this is the wrong plant in the wrong place, and request that you seriously consider several major siting issues in your review of the proposal. This massive biomass plant is proposed in a residential neighborhood, only 1600 feet from an elementary school and 600 feet from the nearest homes, and would bring a diesel truck down residential roads 840 times a week or about every four minutes. This is in a river valley with frequent air inversions that will trap hazardous air pollution at ground level like liquid filling up a bowl. Hampden and Hampshire Counties have some of the worst air pollution in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In particular, the American Lung Association cites Hampden as having the worst 24-hour particle pollution levels in the state. Both also receive "F" ratings for ozone, and the proponents have stated in their EENF that this power plant will exceed federal New Source Review standards for NOx, an ozone precursor. A new large-scale source of stationary air pollution thus poses an unacceptable risk to children, families and the environment. Thank you for your consideration.

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