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Shawn M. Garvin, Secretary
Department of Natural Resources &
Environmental Control
89 Kings Highway
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Secretary Garvin:

As elected officials representing the Route 9 Corridor, we are requesting that the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) convene a public hearing regarding the request from Whalen Specialty Construction LLC for a permit to construct a slag grinding, drying and processing facility at 501 Christiana Avenue.

This request is made as a result of numerous requests we have received and heard from our constituents that are gravely concerned about the potential impact of yet another industrial facility and operation on the overall quality of life around the proposed processing facility.

This area of the State has the highest cancer cluster in Delaware and it is one of the only areas of the State where heavy industry has been allowed to operate adjacent to residential properties. Our constituents are concerned that the proposed processing facility will only make a bad situation worse in regard to health, air quality, truck traffic and their overall quality of life. In our view, fundamental fairness warrants that the community be given the opportunity to be heard and voice their concerns.

We have attached for your information a copy of a letter sent to Ms. Angela D. Marconi from Mrs. Sandra Smithers, who is also requesting a public hearing.

We thank you for your response and attention to this most important matter.

Sincerely,

James Johnson
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