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To: Secretary of the Zoning Board of Review – Alexis Thompson

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Thank you for accepting this public comment regarding Narragansett Improvement Company's request to grind reclaimed asphalt around 250 feet from the Chafee Health Center.

The Chafee Health Center is part of the Providence Community Health Centers' network of community clinics throughout the City of Providence. At Chafee Health Center, many patients are treated for their asthma, respiratory allergies, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. These conditions can, and often are, made much worse by respiratory irritants such as strong odors, dusts, fumes and respiratory particles. Grinding reclaimed asphalt so close to the Health Center would jeopardize the health of many of the patients with respiratory diseases. Strong odors, fumes, dusts and respiratory irritants can trigger asthma attacks and exacerbations of COPD (emphysema and chronic bronchitis) in susceptible patients.

I hope you will accept this letter of opposition to this project as I strongly believe it will be very detrimental to the health of hundreds of patients with respiratory disease.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

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