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Subject: opposing the Narragansett Improvement Co and Cumberland Farms application.
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Dear City of Providence Zoning Board of Review,

My name is Jackie Goldman, I live in Providence and I am submitting comments in opposition to Narragansett Improvement Co. and Cumberland Farms, Inc.'s application for use variance pursuant to Sections 900.B., 901, and 1200.B. of the Providence Zoning Ordinance, to use the property for non-waterfront dependent Materials Processing and storage of concrete, stone, aggregate and asphalt.

Zoning is an inherently political process that has the ability to have dramatic negative consequences for the city. This variance would allow Narragansett Improvement Co. to continue its polluting activities on this additional parcel legally, which its been doing illegally for years. This is a tacit endorsement of their illegal and damaging behavior. The Zoning Board has the power to stop another company from violating zoning laws in the Port of Providence without consequence. The Zoning Board has an opportunity to stop the trend of allowing the abuse of the South Providence and Washington Park communities for the benefit of companies.

Additionally, the Port of Providence is laden with polluting facilities that contribute to air pollution and noxious fumes that disproportionately impacts low income and communities of color. In Providence, asthma accounts for 13.7 out of every 1,000 children's emergency room visits. This land use further contributes to air pollution in the neighborhood - a clear example of environmental racism and government-sanctioned discrimination.

I strongly urge the City of Providence Zoning Board of Review to turn down the application for use variance and require the applicants to clean up their dumping ground.

Thank you,

Jackie Goldman