



State of Rhode Island

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
REPRESENTATIVE GRACE DIAZ, *District 11*

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Energy Facilities Siting Board
89 Jefferson Blvd.
Warwick, RI 02888

Dear Commissioners:

I write to you today to ask you to reject Sea 3's proposed expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure in the Port of Providence.

The neighborhoods that abut the Port of Providence have long borne the burden of pollution from these industries. It is outrageous that they be asked to shoulder anymore. It would simply exacerbate a toxic situation that is disproportionately experienced by low-income communities and communities of color. The people who live in these neighborhoods have been exposed to high levels of dangerous pollutants, including diesel-based particulate matter, hazardous waste, and toxic air contaminants. This has led to higher rates of respiratory diseases, lung damage and neurological disorders in these neighborhoods.

I therefore respectfully request that the Public Utilities Commission reject this proposal in the interest of the health and safety of the people who live in this section of Providence.

Yours sincerely,

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