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The Honorable Joseph E. Borst
First Selectman
Town of Newtown
45 Main Street
Newtown, CT 06470

RE: Housatonic Valley Railroad

Dear First Selectman Borst:

I was delighted to see you in the Labor Day Parade, and appreciated your letter of September 2, 2009 describing operations at the Housatonic Railroad site that may be beyond the scope of the past accepted operation of the transfer station.

As you know, such reports of problematic activities have led my office and DEP to investigate and explore potential legal action. Our clear message to the company that we are monitoring activities, and supporting town officials in protecting your citizens, has been conveyed directly and unequivocally. Our work together and our strong alliance will enable us to safeguard the public interest.

If there are violations of environmental laws, I will take vigorous and prompt action quickly.

I am prepared to provide additional details as to our legal options and strategy at the meeting we are scheduling for next week. Again, I thank you for your vigilant work along with your staff in combating inappropriate use of the Newtown transfer station.

Very truly yours,

RICHARD BLUMENTHAL

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c: George A. Benson, Director, Newtown Planning and Land Use Department