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January 5, 1984

Mr. Gerry Sotolongo
Environmental Protection Agency
J.F.K. Federal Building
Government Center
Boston, MA

Dear Gerry:

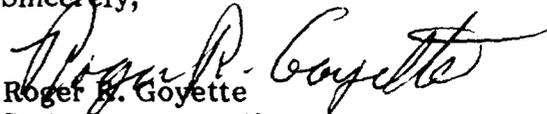
Enclosed please find a letter of inquiry written to me by a Fairhaven resident, concerning potential health threats posed by PCB's in Fairhaven. This letter is just one of the many I receive on a regular basis from citizens expressing their concerns and fears over toxic wastes in the environment. The majority of questions come to me via phone, from people whose fears are rooted in misinformation and lack of knowledge on the PCB problem.

Information dissemination and open communication on PCB contamination are two functions the New Bedford Area Office shall serve. The result will be an informed public and calmed fears. I am doing what I can to open the office as quickly as possible.

I would appreciate your responding to this letter. I want to be sure the questions are answered delicately, so as to present honest facts.

Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,


Roger R. Goyette
State Representative

Enclosure

Dec. 20, '83

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2. How does one contract P.C.B's?
3. Has it been proven that P.C.B's cause cancer? or any other condition?
4. Would there be P.C.B's in the air?
5. Would there be P.C.B's in our yard (i.e. dirt where children would play?)
6. Has there been a large # of people in N.B. or those who have become sick because of P.C.B's?
7. Do you see any problems w/ resale due to PCB?
8. In your opinion - according to your research - are we in any more danger on Oxford St - than in our present home on Shortcut Hill?

I do realize that you are a very busy man - but I would appreciate it if you or one of your aides could answer these questions.
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Perhaps a publication which you already
have printed could answer my questions.

May I take this opportunity to personally
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Please keep up the good work. If I
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