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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the hearing on the 29th but I do have concerns regarding the blasting.

I live at 179 Wooster Street and probably live in one of, if not, the oldest house in the area. I believe it was one of the original farm houses from the Barnes Farm property. I have lived here since 1985. I have noticed, especially in the past 10 years, a big difference in the frequency of water I get in my cellar. Of course, because the house is quite old, my cellar walls are mostly field stone which is partially covered over with cement. I'm concerned that the blasting might have allowed the grout and cement to loosen up over the years which is causing more water to come into the cellar. My question is, what will it be like in the next 10 years?

Thanks for your concern.

Sincerely,

Marsha N. Osborn

We have lived in this neighborhood for going on 15 years - every year there is a promise that something will be done - we have incurred many cracks in our foundation, stairs and ceilings , the cost to fix this is more then we can handle. The blasting is not as strong in the winter. In the summer we can really feel the blasting and the dust that comes over to us is unhealthy. My husband never had any kind of breathing problem now he needs to use an inhaler . Tilcon does not have the best interest of the residents at heart. They are the neighbor you do not want. Had we known about the blasting and the damages it caused, has caused and will continue to cause we would not have purchased this house. Tilcon continues on stating that it is not the blast that causes the damage but the air shock waves - if there was no blasting then there would be no air shock. Because it is Tilcon and they have very deep pockets they can fight this forever and not be affected by it , those of us that are left in the dust - litterly - will have to continue on picking up the pieces. What I would like to see is using less charges, and compensating the residents for damages done either by putting the money in a trust where we would have to submit a quote to fix the damages ( which will have to be acted on within 72 hours after submission) or Tilcon hire contractors to come out and estimate the damages and repair them. The other options would be to pay every one a lump sum based on the damages or buy our house(s) at a fair market value.

I have had many pictures fall off the wall - my first day in this house an antique mirror came crashing down off the wall after a blast occurred.- the mirror could not be replaced.

I am very passionate about this and I do hope that something does get done soon before more damage is done.

Thank you

Theresa and Carl Veneziano

94 Bunnell Street

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My husband and I will be forced to spend hundreds if not thousands of dollars this spring to repair our cracked basement, damaged by the blasting just a few miles from our house on Wooster Street in New Britain. The heavy rain we received last fall (5" in a 48 hour period) resulted in inches of water in our basement, again. We have literally had pictures fall from our walls from the blasts, so anything that can lessen this situation should be done.

Your assistance on behalf of New Britain and Connecticut residents is greatly appreciated.

Cynthia and William Dudgeon

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

Certainly your proposed legislation is worthy of all due consideration and my hope is that it passes. Yet, I'd welcome it even more if along with "the lowest amount possible" of explosives, if those of us living in the blasting zone could be forewarned. For example, being forewarned that on February 24th, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM, the Boom Boom Organization would be conducting blasting, we could be mentally prepared rather than having the living crap scared out of us when our respective homes shake like Chuck Berry suffering from dance fever.

Thanking you in advance,

Janusz W. Lausch

(husband of Marie Lausch)

Tim,

My name is San J Liem, 61 Westwood Drive, New Britain, Ct 06052, phone 225-6204

I would like to be present at the meeting tomorrow, however I have a cold and at times I am coughing quite a bit. My coughing would be disturbing for the people in the room.

The blasting over the years has caused some damage to our property. There are several cracks in the wall of the basement and last year water comes in thru one of the cracks during a heavy rain. Also one side of our back porch is sinking a couple of centimeter. Also on one side of our front porch the area is lower compared to the other side. At times the sound of that blasting is very loud. If you have been in an area that have suffered bombardment during the war, that is the feeling I had at time when I heard that loud blasting in our neighbour.

I just want to convey my concern regarding that blasting in our area. Feel free to call me as needed.

Sincerely,  
San J Liem

Dear Mr O'Brien,

We would like to join with our neighbors in the West End of New Britain, regarding our concerns about the daily blasting at Tilcon and its negative effects on our homes and property. The blasting shakes the whole house terribly, just about every week day. We have cracks in our ceiling, that were there when we bought the house 8 years ago, and now, they get bigger and bigger each year.

Last year we had some remodeling done to our kitchen which included repair of that cracked ceiling. The work was done by professional remodelers. We had them back to our house to price another job and they noticed that the cracks in the ceiling were coming back and some of the work they had done was not holding up; including nails starting to protrude. They said they had never seen this happen before, and wanted to fix it before we painted. However, we are sure that the daily blasting from Tilcon is the cause and now; we're forced to paint a wall and ceiling which will certainly be cracking again. Our concern is that this is going to be an ongoing problem unless something is done to rectify the situation.

Please contact us if we can be any help to prevent them from blasting more, or closer. Also if there's anyway we can be compensated for repairs of the damage that has been done.

Thank You,

Phil and Leann Cormier