

Chairman Fonfara, Chairman Nardello, Ranking Member Witkos, Ranking Member Williams and Members of the Energy & Technology Committee:

I oppose FuelCell Energy building and operating a Power Plant in Trumbull on the corner of Primrose Drive and Huntington Turnpike. This area of town is referred to the "Nichols" district of Trumbull.

I have many concerns about this project; the first and foremost is the safety and health of the residents in this area. This area is a highly- dense residential neighborhood and with the immaturity of this kind of power plant, there are many 'unknowns' associated with this project. A power plant of this kind can have massive effects on residents. It will be located close to 2 schools, 1 elementary and 1 high school. If there was an explosion these schools would be DIRECTLY affected, children's safety is being jeopardized. Also, what about the by-products produced by this power plant? They will be emitted into our air and into the ground, negatively affecting our soil, air and possibly water. The "Nichols" part of town has a very high water table, during the spring thaw and heavy rain storms, most of our basements get water, if this water is contaminated with byproducts from the power plant then we are inviting these chemicals directly into our homes, thus affecting the health of our children and families to an even greater degree.

The second concern is the impact this power plant will have on the environment. Currently the impact on the environment is unknown. The excessive amount of carbon produced will create unhealthy air and have an impact not only on the human residents but also on the wildlife that resides in the area. Using 10,000 gallons of water a day to operate is also not in the best interest of the environment.

Lastly, protecting Connecticut's scenic and historical neighborhoods should be a concern. This proposed power plant will be constructed and operated in the historical district of the Town of Trumbull, a sought after part of town for town history, historic buildings that were build circa 1750-1900, and a true 'small town community' that you cannot experience in many towns, not even in other districts in Trumbull, of which I once lived also. The "Nichols" community is unique and needs to be preserved.

I hope you agree with the residents of Trumbull and realize this is NOT a place for a power plant.

Thank you for your time and support on this important matter,

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