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The Honorable Governor Edward G Rendell
225 Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Rendell,

I am writing you today to voice my support for the BoRit Asbestos Site (BoRit) located in Montgomery County to be placed on the Federal Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Priorities List (NPL). You may be aware that this site has 38 Acres of unremediated asbestos waste located over the three municipalities of Upper Dublin Township, Whitpain Township and Ambler Borough. The need for remediation of the BoRit site has been an ongoing issue for many years. It has been a source of public health concern and in many ways an obstacle for the full revitalization of Ambler and the surrounding communities.


Thousands of constituents have reached out to voice their concern regarding the status of BoRit. As this is a Federal level issue I ask that you join me in using whatever influence you can to bring to bear on this matter to have the EPA place BoRit on the NPL. As you know, NPL provides a list of hazardous waste sites eligible for long-term remedial action financed under the federal Superfund program. EPA regulations outline a formal process for assessing hazardous waste sites and placing them on the NPL. The NPL is intended primarily to guide the EPA in determining which sites warrant further investigation.

Asbestos has been the blessing and the curse of the Ambler area. It brought economic prosperity to the region but it came with serious problems that we only in recent years identified: the terrible diseases of Mesothelioma and Asbestosis. Virtually everyone in the community, including me, knows someone who died from the asbestos related diseases. We have lived with the painful problem for years and would like to close this chapter in the history of the region.

It is crucial that we preserve the health and welfare of our neighborhoods for future generations. Having the BoRit placed on the NPL would move us towards protecting the surrounding communities for years to come.

I want to thank you in advance for your attention to this issue. I look forward to your response and I would welcome a conversation in how we can work together to resolve this issue that has been going on too long.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Taylor". The signature is stylized with a large, looped initial "R" and a cursive "T".

Rick Taylor
Member, 151st District
Pennsylvania House of Representatives

CC: The Honorable Kathleen McGinty, Secretary, Department of Environmental Protection
The Honorable Jules Mermelstein, President, Board of Commissioners Upper Dublin Township
The Honorable Joseph Palmer, Chairman Board of Supervisors Whitpain Township
The Honorable Charles Wahl, Mayor, Ambler
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