

Dear Mr. Dea:

I am writing to you as a mother who fears for the health and well-being of her children. Taggart Miller Environmental Services (TMES) is planning to put a dump in MY backyard. Literally (see attached photo). As a parent, it is my responsibility and my duty to protect my children. I trust you would do the same for yours.

Fifteen years ago, my husband and I purchased a home in the community of Russell, in the hopes of raising a family. We ourselves were raised in a small knit community such as this one and wished to give our children these same values and privileges. We chose to live on the outskirts of town as opposed to the town itself. Basically, we live in the "sticks" or in our case, the "ears" of corn. We wanted our children to enjoy being children (running, playing, climbing, exploring) and to give them a quality of life that all children deserve. Being cramped on the 27th floor of an apartment building in the city with poor air quality, no room to run, traffic, etc., was not an option for us.

Now, TMES is waltzing in jeopardizing the welfare of my children. Such a site can only stand to have a negative impact and have an adverse effect on the community and threaten my children. I am STRONGLY opposed to such a facility. I would no longer allow my children the freedom to venture outside for fear of the pollutants in the air surrounding our home; for fear of being struck by the many large trucks and vehicles that will invade the area; for fear of the blasting that will be done to prepare the site; for fear of the shale that will be disturbed affecting our drinking water also in preparation for the site; for fear of a tear in the liner affecting the surrounding soil and drinking water; for fear of any toxic material that may flow; for fear of the noise pollution caused by various machinery; for fear, for fear, for fear... Sir, I FEAR for MY children.

For the love a parent has for her children, Sir, please, I beg you, do not let this proposal go through. TMES will be taking away my children\*s RIGHT to play outside and will rob them of their childhood.

I am entrusting YOU with the lives of MY children.

I am entrusting YOU with the lives of ALL the children in this community.

No amount of money is worth the life of a child.

Sincerely

Carmen Lussier