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HOUSATONIC RIVER PROJECT
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1 **Jennifer Cruz:**

2 Hi. My name is Jennifer Cruz. I live at 19
3 Cliffwood Street in Lenox, Massachusetts 01240. It
4 is not okay for GE to dump PCBs in these neighboring
5 -- in these towns in the Berkshires. They need to
6 take some of the profits they made from whatever line
7 of business they were in producing these PCBs and
8 they need to treat them. It's not okay. And they
9 cannot continue to pollute the rivers that will
10 affect our water supply and God knows what else.
11 Obviously there are health problems they can cause.
12 I can't even imagine that this is even up for
13 discussion. Thanks.

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16 **Sophie Bretton:**

17 (Inaudible.) This is Sophie, and the last name
18 is Bretton, at 4 Evergreen in Lenox, Mass. And I am
19 calling about the dump that they are planning to do
20 in Lenox/Lee, going through that sort of thing. And
21 certainly I'm opposed to this. And you know,
22 actually opposed to doing anything harmful to the
23 earth -- which seems to be what GE is going to do,
24 and the EPA, because we don't want these toxic PCB
25 dumps. So perhaps they should start making things

1 that aren't toxic. You know, maybe going back to
2 lighting candles is a good idea. I know it sounds
3 stone-age, but at least we're not harming people and
4 Mother Earth. So those are my comments. And I hope
5 I left you enough information to know that my vote is
6 no. Thank you. Bye.

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9 **Barbara Perrault:**

10 My name is Barbara Perrault, and I live at 30
11 Linda Lane in Housatonic, Massachusetts. And we do
12 not need any more junk dumped into the Housatonic
13 River. It needs to be -- or near there, it needs to
14 be cleaned up. There's been too many people that
15 have gotten sick from it. And we were wondering if
16 that's what caused some of these cancer in some young
17 people that live in this area. We certainly don't
18 need PCBs dumped in our backyard or floating down to
19 our backyard from Lee or Lenox. And those people
20 certainly don't want PCBs in their yard. Thank you.

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23 **Nina Fopay:**

24 Hello. My name is Nina Fopay. I live in Great
25 Barrington area. And I just want to make a comment

1 about the dump of the PCBs. I think really it would
2 be fair and wise for the community that you place
3 this somewhere where it is not near homes, and
4 schools and the water supply. It -- you know, this
5 has been going on for so, so many more years. It's
6 really not fair to the people that live in that area
7 to even think that this is going to be -- have to be
8 put into their area. It seems as though it would be
9 really right and fair to place it somewhere where it
10 is not near homes and where people are living and
11 going to school. I hope you will reconsider this.
12 Thank you very much.

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15 **Debbie Feinman:**

16 My name is Debbie Feinman, 880 East Street, Unit
17 10D, Lee, Massachusetts 01238. I'm leaving a comment
18 about the potential PCB dump. I'm sure there are
19 thousands of people who are eloquently stating a
20 case. I want to be one of those voices. It makes me
21 very sad to think that because this is a downscaled
22 community that it's the easiest place to dump toxins.
23 It follows a pattern of many decisions made over the
24 course of time that have proved to have incredible
25 adverse health effects. This specifically so close

1 to the water line, and the river -- excuse me, and
2 very close to the park, is particularly scary. And
3 additionally we all know that all dumps leak.
4 Statistics aside, I would love to have some
5 perspective on how many people who are making this
6 decision would actually be affected by this dump.
7 Chances are if they were in this line of fire so to
8 speak, they would not want this dump to happen.
9 Thank you.

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12 **TJ Fuchs:**

13 GE has been at it for decades, poisoning the
14 river. This is the best that that can be done, a
15 dump built near homes and schools? Call up ex-CEO
16 Immelt, and get a few million dollars to return to
17 the Lenox Dale citizens. I'm sick of hearing this
18 story and it should come to an end now, not waiting
19 any longer. Find a spot, appropriate spot and go
20 with it. My name is TJ Fuchs. I'm in Sheffield,
21 Massachusetts 01257. And I've heard all about them
22 for decades already and nothing's been done. This is
23 the time to get it done, but not a dump near people.
24 Thank you.

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2 **Gail Bacowski:**

3 This is Gail Bacowski again. I take back the
4 word "shot." They should have their head examined,
5 because they should put this all up to the people of
6 Lee, not themselves. And that's all they're thinking
7 about right now is themselves and the money. Lives
8 are worth more than money. Goodbye.

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11 **Gail Bacowski:**

12 Hello. My name is Gail Bacowski. I live at 21
13 Crossway Street, Lee, Mass. 01238. My telephone
14 number is area code 413 243-4665. My opinion on GE
15 putting a dump in Lee is "No." And I think it should
16 have been up to the people of Lee to make this
17 decision, not people behind closed doors in Boston.
18 And 25 million is going to come to bite somebody in
19 the backside afterwards because nothing is safe. No
20 dump is safe, especially from GE. What are you
21 trying to do kill the people and give them cancer
22 here in Lee? Start thinking of the people not the
23 money. And whoever made this decision should be
24 shot. Goodbye.

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