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Walpole Board of Selectmen
Town of Walpole

Dear Selectmen:

I wanted to report to you on my and Congressman Barney Frank's activities regarding the Walpole landfill issue.

As you know, through court filings last week, the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) indicated its intention to bring an out-of-state sludge disposal option forward for the court's review. The MWRA specified that it would "...first need to consult with EPA, DEP, the Towns of Walpole and Norfolk, the Governor and the Legislature to see if a suitable alternative plan for backup sludge disposal capability could be developed..." (quoting MWRA compliance report dated May 17, 1993). According to court documents, within two weeks of the issuance a DEP permit for the landfill site (assuming the permit issues), the MWRA apparently intends to work towards crafting a no-build solution with the input of the relevant parties, including the Town of Walpole. This reversal of policy at the MWRA in regards the Walpole landfill may be a major turning point for the Town as we move toward a final resolution of this longstanding matter. I congratulate my colleague Congressman Frank, the Board of Selectmen and the Walpole Citizens Action Committee for their persistence and dedication in moving the MWRA into an advocacy role for Walpole.

In related action, the United States Environmental protection Agency, in response to the MWRA's court filings, quickly petitioned the federal court demanding that construction bids for the Walpole landfill be immediately advertised and rapidly awarded. Both Congressman Frank and I felt that this action was unfair in that the MWRA was making a good faith attempt to craft a fair solution in this matter. Consequently, separately and together, Congressman Frank and I have personally contacted Carol Browner, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to voice our serious concerns over the EPA's stubbornness on the Walpole landfill issue. I have also personally contacted Paul Keough, EPA Regional Administrator, to voice my concerns as well.

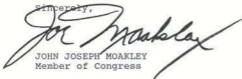
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Please know that I and Congressman Frank will continue to be extremely active and persistent on this matter. I will continue to work to preserve the Town of Walpole's ability to prevent the construction of this landfill from ever taking place. I will continue to keep you informed in the important days and weeks ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Joseph Moakley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress