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Planning Board
Town of South Hadley

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Good people:

We are South Hadley voters who reside on Hadley Street in Fire District 2. We are writing you in reference to the proposed expansion of the Chicopee Concrete operation on Route 47 near Sullivan Lane. We are opposed to this expansion for the following reasons:

- any industrial activity that has any potential to contaminate a town water source is not in the best interests of the town.
- any increase in heavy truck traffic on a designated scenic route (used heavily by bicyclists) is not in the best interests of the town.
- any increase in heavy truck traffic that will increase the release of hydrocarbon pollutants is not in the best interests of the town.
- any failure of a town body such as the Planning Board to do due diligence on issues like those mentioned above will increase the likelihood of legal challenges and is therefore not in the best interests of the town.

We remind the Planning Board that its fiduciary responsibility is to act in accordance with the law but *only* in the best interests of the Town of South Hadley. We respectfully ask that you do not approve this proposed expansion.

Sincerely,


Edward A. Farrell Barbara J. Thrall