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Cambridge City Council
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To the Cambridge City Council:

The Somerville Board of Aldermen, meeting in session on May 24, 2012, adopted the enclosed Resolution, and requested that a copy be forwarded to you.

The Board OPPOSES the plan of Global Oil to transport ethanol to its facility in Chelsea by train or by any other means of land transportation, and further opposes the issuance of a Chapter 91 License to Global Oil for this purpose.

Please contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely,

John J. Long
City Clerk

Enc.: #193288

cc: The Honorable Michael E. Capuano, United States Representative
The Honorable Deval Patrick, Governor
The Honorable Sal N. DiDomenico, State Senator
The Honorable Patricia Jehlen, State Senator
The Honorable Timothy J. Toomey Jr., State Representative
The Honorable Carl Sciortino, State Representative
The Honorable Denise Provost, State Representative
Kenneth Kimmel, Commissioner, MA Dept. of Environmental Protection
Richard Sullivan Jr., Secretary, MA Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
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CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Docket # 193288
Resolution
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Regular Meeting 5/24/2012
Item ID 5695

SUMMARY: That this Board opposes, with Chelsea, Revere, and Shirley, the plan of Global Oil to transport ethanol to its facility in Chelsea via train.

COMPLETE TEXT:

WHEREAS, The Cities of Chelsea and Revere and the Town of Shirley have all enacted resolutions opposing the plan of Global Oil to transport ethanol to its facility in Chelsea via 60-car trains, each car of which will carry 30,000 gallons of ethanol, into its facility 2x per week, every week with the end result of 187,200,000 gallons of ethanol being transported on freight trains each year; and

WHEREAS, The principal reason those communities passed these resolution is because the route of the train is extremely dangerous as it will travel through densely populated residential neighborhoods and commercial centers. Ethanol is a highly volatile, flammable, colorless liquid that burns at high temperatures. Should a fire or explosion occur, hundreds of thousands of people and dozens of businesses could be impacted; and

WHEREAS, The train is likely to travel through the City of Somerville, subjecting the residents of Somerville to tremendous risks in the event that a fire or explosion should occur; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Aldermen wishes to join the communities of Chelsea, Revere and Shirley in opposing the proposal of Global Oil; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Somerville Board of Aldermen hereby declares its opposition to the proposal of Global Oil and further asks that a Chapter 91 license not be granted to Global Oil and further declares its opposition to any other land method of transport of such ethanol to the Global Oil facility in Chelsea.

SPONSORED BY: Alderman At Large William A. White Jr.

RESULT:	**APPROVED**

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS, AT A REGULAR MEETING ON THE 24th DAY OF MAY, 2012.

ATTEST:

John J. Long, City Clerk