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To: CRC@acton-ma.gov

Subject: Transition to organic farming

Dear Committee members,

Only organic farming practices are safe for our health and environment.

I have seen the list of chemicals used by the current farmers on the Caouette Farm. As an environmental advocate I have worked for the past dozen years with some of the foremost scientists studying the health impacts of synthetic chemicals on human health. The main message we learned is that current science, which has not yet become the basis for government regulations, demonstrates that many of these chemicals do far greater damage to human health than was ever anticipated. Particularly developing children and fetuses are extremely vulnerable to long-term health damage when exposed to even tiny amounts of these chemicals for short periods of time.

Now that we own this land, it is our duty to protect the health of our children and future generations, we must require that this land transition to organic farming practices when the current farm lease expires.

And it would be unconscionable to route the Assabet River Rail Trail through farm fields that use synthetic chemicals, sending children to play where their health could be damaged.

Sincerely
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