

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

## MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL COURT

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1953



November 17, 2004

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you to those who attended last night's meeting concerning Belcher Foundry. We are encouraged by the current progress we have made, by working with you, your town officials, the state Department of Environmental Protection, and other concerned citizens to address the quality of life issues impacting your families and your neighborhood. Together we have taken positive steps towards reducing the Foundry's hours of operation and decreasing air and noise pollution.

However, we recognize that much work exists and pledge to remain steadfast in our efforts to ensure enforcement of the administrative consent order agreed to by the Belcher Corporation and DEP in September. We will also continue to work with your Boards of Selectmen and Health as they seek passage of a local noise ordinance and provide well water testing for any contaminants, respectively.

In the meantime, if you detect odor, smoke or soot, or Foundry operations conducted after 10:00 pm or before 6:00 am or on weekends, please call the Department of Environmental Protection at 508-946-2447, email [belcher@earthtech.com](mailto:belcher@earthtech.com), or call 1-800-344-4432, x. 4730. We also encourage you to utilize Foundry Watch's pollution log distributed at last night's meeting in order to capture all instances of noise and air pollution. Again, we sincerely appreciate your continued and diligent efforts to act as the eyes, ears, and noses for improving the health and well-being of your neighborhood.

We expect to host another meeting in February or March prior to the annual town meeting and will keep you informed of the date so you can continue to provide your

invaluable input and concerns regarding the Foundry's compliance. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any questions regarding this project.

Thank you for allowing us to work for you.

Warmest Regards,

**BRIAN A. JOYCE**  
State Senator

**GERALDINE CREEDON**  
State Representative

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