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Dear Senator Sweeney, Assemblyman Burzichelli, and Assemblyman Taliaferro,

We are reaching out about a serious problem that is disturbing residents in Gibbstown, Greenwich Township, Gloucester County in your District. Residents on residential streets in Gibbstown are experiencing intolerable truck traffic, noise, fumes, and safety hazards due to an extremely high number of large diesel trucks that are traveling up and down their streets. The disturbance has become unbearable for residents who cannot sleep, listen to radio or television, or even have a normal conversation in their homes. Some trucks even travel at night; the unrelenting stream of huge trucks starts usually at about 6:00 a.m. and goes past dark. The trucks are mostly dump trucks but some are large chemical tank trucks.

Two homeowners on Repauno Avenue have been in touch with Delaware Riverkeeper Network, looking for help to address this intolerable stream of truck traffic. I visited the neighborhood and saw firsthand the level and intrusive nature of the traffic. One resident counted 45 trucks in a typical hour and the level has at times increased to one truck per minute. Repauno Avenue is a narrow, previously quiet, residential street that has been virtually taken over by the endless stream of trucks. The trucks are entering and leaving the former DuPont Repauno site on the Delaware River, presumably constructing the Gibbstown Logistics Center. Attached are some photographs we have taken.
Delaware Riverkeeper Network is concerned about the extreme disturbance of the residents of Repauno Avenue and other streets that funnel the trucks onto Repauno Avenue. We are also concerned about the public health and safety dangers from the polluting air emissions, excessive noise, environmental impacts, and threats to pedestrian and vehicle safety that are being caused by this new truck traffic on the streets of Gibbstown and Greenwich Township. We would like to meet with you to discuss how this truck traffic can be stopped. Some residents may want to attend the meeting as well. This urgent issue requires immediate remedy.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated response.

Sincerely,

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