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Good Morning,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed Safe Harbor expansion in Rockland and request that you halt its development. Many others have written eloquently about the potential flaws in the permitting process, the detriment to the Rockland viewscape and questionable safety of handling the massive fueling requirements if the project is allowed to be completed. While I share those concerns, I recognize that this is a long standing business deal and there are many facets to it.

What is most alarming to me however, is that the whole concept of **facilitating the use of mega yachts flies in the face of both state and local climate action plans** and every effort to combat climate change. Even as world leaders are meeting to avert global catastrophe, this project encourages the extravagant use of untold gallons of fossil fuel for leisure only. Much of the corporate profits that enabled the purchase these yachts and leisure to sail them were enabled by the pressure of big money on small communities to yield their environmental resources. This must stop if we are to survive. This is our chance to make a stand.

Many of us feel helpless in the face of climate change and corporate strong arming, but you are in the unique position to actually do something. This piece of environmental exploitation is exclusively for the good of the very rich and to the detriment of both the environment and the people who live, work and visit Rockland and have a right to enjoy the natural beauty of Rockland Harbor.

I implore you to reject this proposal.

Most sincerely,

Constance Evans  
Rockland Resident and business owner