

## MacNeil, Jami

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Dear Ms. Macneil,

It is my understanding that you are providing oversight of the Safe Harbor proposal to dredge up Rockland harbor and seriously change the aesthetics of our beautiful waterfront. If I have reached you in error, would you please forward my concerns to the appropriate person(s)?

I am writing to you to express my concern regarding the recent request of Safe Harbor Inc., to expand Rockland harbor by dredging this area making it 15 feet deeper to allow for multimillion dollar recreational yachts/boats/ships/helicopters, etc., and to add "finger shaped piers" that will potentially block much of the view that our families have enjoyed for generations.

You may be aware that it was only 3 years ago that the citizens of Rockland voted down a similar proposal made by the previous owner. We do not want to compromise the natural beauty of our home amenity.

It is my understanding that the Rockland city council is working with the Safe harbor brand to secure citizens access to a popular boardwalk in return for selling out the dredging and pier expansions. I am deeply troubled that the city needs to negotiate something that local citizens have enjoyed since it was originally built by MBNA. Safe harbor does not seem to believe in the concept of being a good corporate citizen. Clearly, the only way for continued access of the boardwalk is to sell-out our harbor, and frankly, this should not be up for sale.

Safe Harbor purchased this marina with no guarantee or expectation that they could move in and take over our natural waterfront. Why is the city and our citizens now required to be forced to jump through hoops, both legal and financial to address a corporate agenda that was disingenuous by its design?

Sadly, we cannot trust our city councilors to protect the wishes of the same citizens that elected them to office, our only hope is that state oversight will do what is right and protect our amazing waterfront.

Respectfully,

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