



City of Quincy, Massachusetts

Thomas P. Koch, Mayor

Dear Friend:

I write today to inform you that I have requested the City of Boston to withdraw its proposal to construct a wind turbine on property it owns on Moon Island and have subsequently cancelled a community meeting on this matter previously scheduled for February 28th.

I did not come to this decision lightly, and I make it only out of an abiding trust I believe we have built together that is based on listening, honest dialogue and working as partners in the best interest of our community. After speaking with many of your Squantum neighbors over the last few weeks, it has become clear to me that the kind of strong community consensus necessary to allow construction of a major wind turbine on Moon Island simply does not exist.

As you may know, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino first approached our office about building a turbine on Moon Island about two years ago. I viewed the proposal as a welcome opportunity to open a new relationship with our Boston neighbors.

At that time, we entered into discussions with the City and Mayor Menino regarding a number of longstanding neighborhood issues and the possibility of the City of Quincy sharing in the revenue that the turbine would produce. A community meeting in May 2010 produced a largely positive response, leading to more detailed discussions that included limiting the hours of Boston Police gun range on Moon Island, providing Quincy residents access to both Moon and Long Islands, and reconstruction of Dorchester Street among other potential benefits.

It is my hope that this dialogue will continue even though the community has made its voice clear that it will not support a wind turbine on Moon Island.

I wish to also stress that the City of Quincy remains committed to pursuing alternative energy, reducing what we spend on energy, and protecting our environment for our children and grandchildren. I am looking forward to sharing with you in the coming weeks some very exciting plans that will benefit our entire community.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter, and as always, please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you wish to discuss this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas P. Koch
Mayor