

Hear Me on Biomass
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I am outraged by the idea of bringing biomass into Greenfield. I beg that you read this letter with the respect I deserve and see my side of the story.

Did you know that it takes 22 trees to produce the amount of oxygen one human consumes in a lifetime? Or that the rainforest is being destroyed? Do we want to be like the rainforest or do we want to be the survivors?

If this has something to do with money, I am ashamed that our own local Greenfield government would stoop so low. Money is the root of all evil. If this is related to getting off oil, it makes no sense to avoid oil because it pollutes the air and is running out and use trees and eliminate the air altogether. I'm offended that such an important decision wasn't voted on by the entire town of Greenfield. I feel my opinion doesn't count.

Also because I am proud to say I am Helene Kasper and I'm only 12 years old. I am part of the next generation and we will feel the greatest impact on this massive decision. Those five Zoning Board members will never face what we will face and they don't know how it feels to have a fate decided for them.

I think instead of biomass you should put money toward going off the grid. You should use solar panels, windmills and hydropower! Now you might be thinking, "But that will take so much work, biomass is quicker. But like a coloring contest would you rather scribble in a picture with old crayons because it's quick and costs less or take the time and money and go to the store, buy some new crayons, perfect the picture and win the contest?

Biomass is the old crayons. Which outcome would you want? Are you ignorant or are you a good leader? Biomass is not right for Greenfield.

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