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Dear Bethlehem Select Board,

As a citizen of Bethlehem, President of AWARE, and Coordinator of the David and Goliath Trust, I have concerns regarding a story that appeared in the May 22 Union Leader: "Asbestos plea puts hotelier in jail". According to the story and according to court documents "asbestos from the [Mountain View Grand Hotel] dumpsters was put into the Bethlehem landfill." That means that for weeks or even months the people of Bethlehem, children, old people, everybody was inhaling asbestos fibers, and did not know it. Asbestosis is an insidious disease because it can take years before it shows up.

I want to know why the agencies that investigated and prosecuted the owner of the Mountain View Grand Hotel have not prosecuted the Casella owned NCES landfill for accepting asbestos. I want to know why DES has not investigated why NCES accepted asbestos as that asbestos is prohibited from the landfill in no uncertain terms, and when they are required to inspect every load for hazardous waste. What else is going into landfill that we do not know about?

Therefore, I respectfully request that the Board take the following actions; 1) that the Board request a formal investigation by the Attorney General's office of the landfill's role and liability in accepting asbestos; 2) that the Board request a formal investigation by DES of the landfill's role and liability in accepting asbestos and violation of its permit in accepting asbestos.

Sincerely,

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