



Rochester Conservation Commission
Town Forest Committee

Town Hall
Rochester, Mass. 02770

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Mr. Brian T. Carty
Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Carty:

I understand SEMASS has applied for \$70 Million dollars in tax exempt bonds for the proposed expansion of the facility. I would like to express my support for the application which will enable SEMASS TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS GRADUALLY REDUCING MATERIAL GOING INTO THE LANDFILL. As Chairman of the Rochester Conservation Commission I have been actively involved with the concept when it first was proposed almost 10 years ago. My support is as strong as ever for the facility and I hope you, Mr. Carty, and Board members will approve the application for funding the expansion.

I have worked closely with SEMASS and Energy Answers Corporation staff throughout its development, construction and startup of the base facility. It is refreshing to know SEMASS and Energy Answers Corporation are sincerely concerned with protecting the environment and working to solve the solid waste problem that has been and is still facing the landfill problem that exists throughout South-eastern Massachusetts. SEMASS has dramatically decreased the landfill problem for many communities and have helped stop the contamination of the soil and aquifers of our region. SEMASS is also generating 52 megawatts of electricity which will help to alleviate the energy problems prevalent in this area. Hundreds of tons of metals have been recycled and the best equipment for pollution control and ash management is the best technology available.

Once the expansion is complete, more communities shall have an environmentally sound method for disposing of municipal solid waste and there will be less dependency on the landfill alternative.



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The expansion is a necessary component of the solid waste solution for Massachusetts and for the betterment of the environment and that nothing will impede its progress. As Commission Chairman and recognized in 1988 by the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions for my dedication to the protection of the environment, I am a strong proponent for the SEMASS facility. Therefore your approval of the expansion funding application will be greatly appreciated by me.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. Joseph A. Chamberlain)
Chairman

cc:

Richard Skerry Jr., M.I.F.A.
General Counsel

Patrick F. Mahoney-SEMASS Corporation President