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**Cc:** Richard Jones  
**Subject:** [Ext]Abandoned Gas Station at 107 State Street - Comment for public hearing on 10/21/2021

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Dear Members of the Newburyport City Council,

As an immediate abutter, I have a high, well-reasoned concern for the potential adverse effect this brownfield site has on my neighborhood and on the environment in general.

Whether empty or otherwise, the underground storage tanks (USTs) have the potential to corrode and leak toxins into the environment. While the greatest and obvious hazard is contamination to the groundwater, the source of drinking water for many as well as a source of nourishment for our pets, vegetable gardens, etc., soil pollution causes a chain reaction. It is thereby devastating to the ecosystem and has consequences for all forms of life that encounter it.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. I will also speak about the drug and crime concerns at the hearing.

Sincerely,

Mary Murphy, 106 State Street