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April 19, 2023

Select Board  
Town of Great Barrington  
334 Main Street  
Great Barrington, MA 01230

Dear Select Board Members:

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Ideally, members of the RoR Committee would seek advice and approval of the full Select Board before agreeing to provide legal representation that potentially favors EPA and GE in constructing PCB landfill in the Town of Lee. We fear, however, that this consultation did not happen and are hopeful that your Board would not have supported these efforts to undermine a case that could potentially save the Town of Lee from receiving a toxic landfill. While we were not asking or expecting the Committee to provide legal support to HRI, we feel that supporting GE was contradictory to RoR’s mission to “advocate common Housatonic River cleanup goals for the Rest of River to the EPA”.

In light of these events, we respectfully ask that the Lee Select Board have the opportunity to speak to your Board regarding the RoR situation at an open public meeting this spring. We look forward to hearing from you regarding this important matter.

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