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To Whom it may concern,

My name is Erika Floriani, and I am the individual that has been providing the NRB with evidence of Poulin Grains violations of their Act 250 Permit.

As of writing this email this morning, Thursday December 12th I was woken at 6:32am by a truck pulling into Poulin Grains and idling in their yard in front of their overhead doors. This was after being kept awake until 10:50 pm by a truck filling up with grain last night.

Now I know that none of us get 8 hours of sleep like we would like, but this situation from last night is a typical situation with Poulin Grains and the option of 8 hours of rest is not an option with them as my neighbor.

Let me reiterate that I have been recording Poulin Grains violations for 2 years. During this time I have evidence of constant violations of the State issue permit allowing operation hours of M-Sat 7 am- 7 pm.

My quality of life has suffered from the constant noise. My sleep has especially suffered, and if you have ever had the displeasure of being sleep deprived you will understand that it affects your work, your personal life, your mental health and physical. I suffer from all of these often because of the operations that occur far outside of the Permitted times.

Josh Poulin got together a neighborhood meeting last fall, where he started the meeting by saying that he was "well aware" of what his permitted hours of operations were but he had "no intention" of following them, and in fact was asking for longer hours.

If I was a business owner in town, my business would have to follow town and state rules to stay open. The fact that Mr Poulin openly violates these rules almost daily and can continue to operate is beyond me. If I had a bar, that stayed open past hours serving or not serving alcohol I am sure that the State Liquor Control Board would pull my license, and the town would also issue citations of noise complaints, failure to abide by my license etc. Yet how these 18 wheelers can come and go all night and run grain all time is beyond me.

I have also been pushed backwards down the road by an 18 wheeler that had just left Poulin Grains driveway. You cannot imagine the terror of this happening to you. I told Josh Poulin about this incident and he was suppose to find out who the driver was, but I never heard from him. I followed this truck in to NY state and called both the Bennington PD and VT State Police while I was tried to get the driver to pull over.

I would like for the NRB to enforce Poulin Grains hour of operation and have them pay heavy fines for their ongoing violations. There is no good faith on Josh Poulin's part to abide by them. And why should he, if there is no consequence for his constant and continuing violations.

Poulin Grain is located in the middle of a small hamlet town of North Bennington and Shaftsbury- Josh Poulin knew the hours of operation that his permit allowed when he purchased Whitman's Feed Store from Art and Kathy Whitman. He has chosen to ignore rules set by the state and violates town noise ordinances. The NBR needs to act upon this, or what is the point of the board and its permitting if a business is allowed to just ignore it.

Mr Poulin would not be able to duplicate this operation anywhere else without spending millions of dollars to do so you would think that he would work within his given parameters to ensure that he can continue operations.

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Regards,  
Erika Floriani  
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*Well the assassins have failed yet again and I am alive to write you this message*