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Hi Jim,

Attached is a letter regarding the outfall from the Gray Gables association.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.
We hope you and the Bourne Selectmen will continue to protect the interests and waterways in our town.

Thank you.

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We are writing to oppose the potential Buzzards Bay Coalition project to run a wastewater outfall pipe into the Cape Cod Canal.

The presentation to the Bourne Selectman failed to include Gray Gables, directly across from the pipe, located at Mass Maritime Academy. The BBC failed to sample water or sand just 400 feet across from the pipe at Fisherman's Beach or at Gray Gables Beach. They failed to account for wastewater being carried by the canal currents east toward Cape Cod Bay that will potentially not make it to the bay, but actually turn around and come back through the canal again. They failed to account for slack tide, when the wastewater would just sit there and leach into our beaches.

We need an updated sampling and plan that proves to Gray Gables and other Coastal Bourne Neighborhoods that this wastewater will not jeopardize our beloved beaches and waterways. We are also concerned with the current wastewater discharge in the Canal which appears to exceed EPA standards.

The recent planning board approval of Wareham's Recreational overlay on 963 acres adjacent to Red Brook and Red Brook Wildlife Management area allowing hotels, casinos, retail and homes on top of the Red Brook aquifer clearly demonstrates that

economy supersedes ecology in Wareham. Bourne should not have to suffer from Wareham's poor environmental decisions.

Finally, as a solution to Wareham's outfall problem that is killing their Agawam River, we suggest BBC continue the outfall pipe out to the middle of Buzzards Bay where it doesn't affect homes or beaches. Or use a ground water discharge system like so many other towns do with success.

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