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**VIA FACSIMILE AND
FIRST CLASS MAIL**

February 14, 2006

Board of Selectmen
Town of Groton
HC 58 Box 5803
Groton, NH 03241

RE: North American Training Lodge

Dear Selectmen:

Our law firm represents the Concerned Citizens for Regional Impact consisting of members from the Town of Groton and surrounding municipalities. It is our understanding that tomorrow evening the Town is hosting its second work session to discuss North American Training Lodge's proposal to construct a large shooting range and defense training facility. Furthermore, that the proposed military training facility would include four handgun firing ranges, 300-yard and 800-yard rifle ranges, and would offer night training in addition to helicopter assists.

The impacts from the use of pneumatic handguns, 50-caliber rifles, plastic explosives and tree-level helicopters is of great concern. Such a facility would adversely affect the Town, regional resources and decrease property values in Groton and surrounding municipalities.

Any municipality reviewing a development of regional impact must notify the regional planning commission and affected municipalities. The goal of this requirement is three-fold. Firstly, it provides notice to surrounding municipalities concerning proposed developments which will impact the region. Secondly, it provides opportunities for the regional planning commission and surrounding municipalities to furnish input and thirdly, it encourages each municipality to consider the interests of the region.

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The proposed military training facility will substantially impact the area beyond the Town's borders. Accordingly, the surrounding municipalities have a right to participate in the consideration of this proposal.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Barry C. Schuster

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cc: Concerned Citizens for Regional Impact

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