

Ten Broeck Condominium Association  
151-2 Third Street  
Albany, New York 12210-2526

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To Commissioner Erin M. Crotty:

I am Velma Fields, and I live at 149<sup>th</sup> Third  
St., Albany, NY 12210 (Top floor)

With the demolition of the Arbor Hill Community Center and construction of the New Covenant Charter School, the members of the Ten Broeck Condominium Association have suffered a variety of problems with the deterioration of the structure of our homes and the deterioration of our health.

Our street is cracking with the traffic of heavy trucks that arrive as early as 4:00 AM making very loud noises that wake us up daily. Most of us have had to receive medical attention for symptoms like those described as a result of the inhalation of particulate matter at the World Trade Center. Our homes have shifted resulting in doors no longer being able to close and cracks in the ceilings.

Since the summer of 2001, we have written Mayor Jennings and attended several Common Council Meetings requesting air and soil samples to be taken as we understand that there was asbestos in the demolished building. We saw no precautions being taken to contain asbestos during the demolition process. While the city did replace some locks and come to look at our homes, they have not sent an engineer or completed the air and soil samples as requested.

Below are the problems I have encountered personally that began with the demolition and construction project:

*There are cracks in my ceiling.  
No one advised about asbestos; caused  
dust to float and settle in and on all  
of the surrounding area cars, homes, etc.  
This caused much hardship, ill health  
& inconvenience for all.  
Our lawns were destroyed by large trucks  
& not reseeded.  
Cars parked so we can not get in & out of driveway.*

I appreciate your taking the time to hear our shared difficulties due to the lack of environmental justice on the parts of the City of Albany and the Edison Project.

Sincerely,

*Velma Fields*