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Dear Mayor Bouley,

My name is Josh Browne. I've owned 22 Highland St in Concord since 1999. My next door neighbor, Jackie Teague (28 Highland St), has kept her property in ways that have threatened the safety and well-being of my family and fellow neighbors. Her land also poses a potential problem for lowering my property values and selling options.

Since 2013, I've reached out to city officials (in letters, event log copies, phone calls and meetings) from code enforcement to the city manager's office to Former Mayor Jim Mackay and Byron Champlin (my Ward Four representative) to ask for assistance with Jackie's property. No one has helped. In some cases there's actually been no response at all.

The event log I've been keeping for several years covers all of Jackie Teague's liabilities and conflicts that I am aware of from 1995-Present. I believe that it reveals a pattern of conflict between her and the majority of surrounding neighbors related to the threatening and offensive conditions of her property. The question I've heard most often is, "Why hasn't the city done anything about this?"

In addition, Jackie has a four ton, 450 foot pine tree that she had the root base bulldozed out from that leans over our home. Last year, part of her tree smashed in to our home during a storm. This caused multiple structural damages not only to the roof itself, but the inside ceiling and exterior walls. A large limb even punctured the roof above my daughter's room. Until it was repaired, my family was forced to move out of our home and into a motel. In fact, in serious stormy weather, we evacuate the house because of the threat the tree poses.

My insurance company sued her insurance company, State Farm, for the damages from the tree in that incident in court and won. They found her 100% at fault. This, however, does not solve the ongoing risks that arise from her property.

The trash on her land literally looks like a junkyard. It was reported to me that old and outdated electrical extension cords are daisy-chained from her main house to her detached garage to provide electricity to the building. I've photographed vermin that have live under the layers of trash in her yard. They have dug long holes under the ground in to several neighbor's lawns, including mine.

Today, I contacted the city assessor's office to make an appointment to meet and evaluate the current assessment. Thank you for taking the time to consider providing any assistance with this matter. I can be reached at [603-219-3397](tel:603-219-3397) or by email at joshbrowne@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Respectfully,

Josh Browne