

“At First I was Scared...”

A Chelsea Resident Speaks Out Against the Diesel Power Plant

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I did not want them to build the power plant next to my child's school. I worked with people in my community to speak out against the plant. We went to the State House. At first I was scared. I am an immigrant. I do not speak English that well. I thought they would not listen to me. But I learned about all the problems with the plant and I felt more confident.

We opposed the plant and we won. They are not going to build it. It makes me feel good that we could help our children.

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Two youth from Chelsea wear air masks to protest to proposal to place a power plant near their homes in Chelsea. Photo by Darlene DeVita.