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Hello, I live on [redacted] Drive, I moved here in 2020.

We have always enjoyed our summer/spring/fall days and nights outside in our backyard, and going for long walks in our neighbourhood with our dog. Our large backyard backs on to the forest and open field, we had plans to make it more livable by putting a patio and a pool, but all that has unfortunately been put on hold due to the HORRENDOUS stench coming from the GFL landfill. We had many nights in 2023 where we smelled gas/rotten eggs and called the gas company who said they have received hundreds of calls in the neighbourhood and they are trying to figure it out just for us to find out it was coming from the landfill.

We welcomed a baby boy in July 2021, now that he's older he loves playing outside, I am home with him everyday and it's hard telling a 2 year old (now 3) that we can't play outside because it smells bad, or we can't go to the park today because the smell hurts our throats. I have to run to our car and drive far away to get to a park or a family members backyard so we can be outside.

We have cancelled his birthday party and many backyard gatherings because of the smell. It's very depressing having to stay inside or leave our house to go somewhere we can breathe. My son developed a cough in the summer and needed a puffer to help him breathe, this is because of breathing in the fumes from the landfill. I get an instant headache from smelling it. I can't open my windows in the spring and get fresh air, and sometimes it comes in my house even with our door and windows closed! Makes you feel sick. It's taking a toll on our mental health.

Also,
WHY AM I PAYING SO MUCH PROPERTY TAX WHEN I CANT EVEN USE MY BACKYARD?!!!!!!!

GFL has lied and gaslighted me and many others saying I didn't smell anything at the time of my complaints.

They hired a company to test the air quality and it was 23 times the legal amount we were allowed to smell!!! What are we breathing in? They are killing us slowly.

They have lied to us, they came to my door and told me I will never smell it again and they are sorry BUT THE NEXT DAY THE SMELL WAS SO BAD I MADE NUMEROUS

CALLS COMPLAINING ABOUT IT. HOW CAN THEY JUST LIE TO OUR FACES?! I am disgusted that they even stepped foot on my property. How can they get away with doing some many illegal things.

They also control when they release it into the air, they tend to do it early morning when we leave for work at 4am and when I make the complaint they says we didn't smell it because the wind was blowing a different direction. Absolutely mind blowing how horrible this company is. Gaslighting people.

Something needs to happen. We work hard to buy a house, try to make it a home we want to stay in forever, but when our health is being affected, makes it hard to live here.

We want to be financially compensated for all this, we suffered enough, this is not right! My property tax is increasing and I can't even use my property! How does that make sense?

Regards.

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