House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman James Oberstar (D-Minn.) called for a halt to a proposed expansion of the Morses Line port of entry Wednesday following testimony from Franklin resident Brian Rainville.

Introduced by Rep. Peter Welch during a hearing on the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Rainville testified against a project sited on land owned by his family.

Following Rainville's remarks, Chairman Oberstar pledged to write Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and request that the proposed project be dropped.

"Today a Vermonter was heard, and today a Vermonter made a difference," Welch said. "The process that led to this proposal has failed the family, failed the contractors, failed the community and failed the test of how Vermonters do business. I'm thankful to Brian for his moving testimony and to Chairman Oberstar for listening."