

[Rail trail foes recruiting sixth-graders](#)

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It looks like those against a rail trail in Topsfield are recruiting Proctor Elementary students to join their campaign.

I received two unsigned letters last week from sixth-graders. Both letters were typed, came in the same stationary and the envelopes were affixed with the same postage stamp. While they vary in length, they start off eerily the same. You be the judge....

“Don’t you hate that feeling when someone is watching you? Imagine if you had to live with it. Some citizens of Topsfield will feel this everyday if we go through with the project Rails for Trails.”

Here’s the second one:

“Wouldn’t you hate to get woken up in the morning because cyclers were chatting and kids were screaming? Hearing this first thing in the morning would certainly irritate me.”

I’m sorry, but I have a hard time believing sixth-graders wrote these letters independently. What’s more likely is they were coaxed, prodded or encouraged to write the letters by adults. Sadly, there wasn’t a return address on either of the letters so I have no idea who sent them.

It’s too bad I can’t do anything with the letters other than to criticize them for it would have been much more beneficial to print them in the paper.