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Ms. Barbara Flynn Currie, Chairman
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James R. Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street, Suite 11-500
Chicago, Illinois 60601

Dear Chairman Currie:

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce was an active participant in negotiating Senate Bill 9 as it made its way through the Illinois General Assembly. One aspect of the legislation that the Chamber considers to be of the utmost importance to the business community is the closure alternatives analysis. When a facility is required by the Board to close, the law specifies that the owner is required to submit to the Agency an analysis of all closure methods being considered, including complete removal.

The legislative mandate that the Board's rules allow the flexibility for site-specific factors to be considered via a closure alternatives analysis is of the utmost importance to those affected facilities but also local communities that would be most impacted by the closures. As illustrated by the attached, local Chambers of Commerce echo this sentiment.

The Illinois Chamber of Commerce encourages the Board's rules being adopted in rulemaking R2020-19 to appropriately reflect the legislative intent.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd C. Maisch". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd C. Maisch
President & CEO
Illinois Chamber of Commerce

Enclosures