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My name is Brandon Anaya, I'm 22 and I was born and raised in Waukegan, as the population of black and latino folk in this community has grown there has been a clear effort to ignore our strife. Let these words and those who share this afternoon lead to a change that is very much needed for this town and the many people that inhabit it. It is unfair to have to wake up every day with another notice on our phones letting us know of how toxic our own air is, it's not fair that we feel it the worse when ash from another country comes into our town and mixes with our own already hazardous air like it did last year during the canadian wildfires. There's already a wide life expectancy gap between us and a community only a couple miles away that I'm sure has already been brought up by my fellow concerned Waukeganites. Is the only reason to not deal with this impending disaster to save a couple bucks? Waukegan has a history of ignoring potential disasters caused by the industries in our lake front on November 26, 1912, a starch factory suddenly exploded, after previous incidents and concerns, killing many during and after the fact from their injuries that has been remembered and immortalized in our city's history, will you reckon with it or repeat it? In over a century have we learned nothing? Think of the disaster that the ash ponds will lead to in our city and beyond. History has its eyes on everyone vital to making this decision, I hope none of you forget that, even as you made this event inaccessible and with little notice for all who are concerned.

You will be killing people if these ash ponds are not dealt with. The people do not wanna deal with fumes or a contaminated lakefront, the people will move to make sure this doesn't happen, so listen and act, don't debate. People's lives are being played with, when that happens people will not ignore it. Don't let your legacy be that of killers. Will Waukegan change today and hold NRG responsible or will it wait until another tragedy occurs and people have died?