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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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RE: Rule Making R08-009

Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

On behalf of my family, I am writing to express my support for the recommended water quality standard improvements proposed by the Illinois EPA for the Chicago Area Waterways (CAWS) and Lower Des Plaines River as rule making R08-009.

My family is committed to improving water quality in the CAWS. In fact, we are in the process of installing a green roof on our condominium building to help reduce stormwater runoff, thereby reduce the occurrences of combined sewer overflows. This green roof endeavor is a considerable expense to our condominium association, but we are willing to do what we can. We hope the Illinois Pollution Control Board has the same level of commitment to improving water quality.

These proposed changes are long overdue and recommended only after five years of study on the CAWS and seven on the Lower Des Plaines. We should all support the Illinois EPA's effort and approve the changes.

As a downtown Chicago resident, I think it is critical that:

- The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District disinfect sewage treatment plant effluent to kill bacteria and protect public health and
- Temperature and dissolved oxygen standards be implemented to protect fish and help them flourish.

Because a review like this only comes along every 20 years, right now we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make the next quantum leap forward in water quality.

There is no magic bullet and or all-in-one measure that can eliminate water pollution but we know that if we want the Chicago River to continue to improve and serve our communities as a recreational, natural and **economic resource**, disinfection and the rest of the Illinois EPA's recommendations are essential.

I believe that as a society it is our moral obligation to ensure that we work to achieve the highest potential for shared resources, including and especially water. And as stewards of these natural resources, we should not be seeking the minimum in improvement, but the maximum.

Thank you,


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