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STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Dear Mr. Therriault,

I am a middle school student at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. As an active person who loves biking by, running by, and canoeing in the river, I am very aware of the problems there. When I went canoeing with my camp a few years ago, the staff at the canoe rentals told us to stay out of the water. They said that any contact with the water could get us a rash. I had to mentally force myself to get in the canoe after hearing that. I also recently biked to Highland Park and back with my dad, where we took the trail along the river. As we rode by, the stench dragged my eyes towards the river where I saw a few dead fish and a few cans float by. I think that the river should be a place to relax, to swim, and to have fun. Not a place that has police barriers along the bank. As a young citizen of Chicago, I ask that the river can be what a river should be, not a chemical pool.

Sincerely,



Jacob Baskes

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Dear Mr. Therriault,

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I am a proud citizen of Chicago and I am a big fan of water and nature. I have been canoeing in the Chicago River before, and I have to say that I was genuinely afraid of getting wet. It was only a couple of years ago, and I was with my camp. The summer day was warm and clear, and the water was brown. It smelled bad, too. I was scared because of the abnormally high amount of bacteria in the water that could get me sick if it got into my eyes, nose or mouth. I think that you can help that by letting the sewage treatment plants disinfect the water. The bacteria that we are putting into the water are not natural, and therefore it wouldn't have such a bad environmental impact. I think that as a citizen of Chicago I should be able to swim in the river recreationally, and not get sick. Also, I think that if we cleaned the river, there would be more tourism in Chicago which would help the economy and helping the economy is good.

Sincerely,



Daniel Rosen

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Dear Mr. Theriault,

I am a student from Bernard
Zell Anshe Emmet Day School and I
want to inform you about the growing pollution
problem. The Chicago River is an ecosys-
tem for many aquatic organisms. People
are getting sick and even more will get
sick. I think you should stop this. You
should disinfect the sewage before
putting it back in the river. Please, for
the well being of the river take this advice.

from,
ethan morok

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Dear Mr. Therriault,

I am a citizen of Chicago and I love to be in the water. Listening to the pollution and bacteria, I don't want to be in the river any more. The reason why the river is so important to me is because I go paddle boarding with my friends and family. Also, I love to go fishing in Lake Michigan and I am afraid to go into the water now because I don't want to get sick. The reason why I am writing this letter is because I want the Illinois Pollution Control Board to do something about the pollution and the bacteria in the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. So the organisms in the water and us humans can be healthy and not get sick. Overall, if you want Chicago's citizens to be happy and healthy, we need your support to make that change.

Sincerely,

Ian Beck

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PC #541

Dear John Therriault,

I am a student at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. My fellow seventh graders and I have been studying what's going on in The River. Did you know Clean Water is guaranteed by the United States? This River gets 1.2 billion gallons of sewage effluent in dumped into our River. We our exposing ourselves to harmful bacteria from sewage that could make us very sick. The Chicago River is very important to me because I am a fellow citizen of Chicago. When I was younger my mom always took me to different parts of The Chicago River to feed the ducks. I also have been going Canoeing a lot with my family and friends. Hundreds of elected officials, community groups, Families, recreation and environmental advocates and individuals have expressed their support for clean river that is sewage free by submitting letters. I have been reading a lot about the Chicago River and I have learned so much about it that I would like to share with you. The Chicago River, the Calumet and related waterways haven't been treasured and cared for like Lake Michigan and the outdated standards that govern them reflect that. My goal for the Chicago River is that it's completely clean in the very near future. I think we can do this by not putting our sewage in the River. Thank you for your time. And I hope my letter and my fellow students letters helped you and your other Officials make the River beautiful.

Sincerely,



Sarah Davis

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P # 542

Dear John Therriault,

My name is Ella Berry and I am greatly concerned about the Chicago River. I am seventh grade student at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. Our class is currently learning about the River. We figured out how disgusting and polluted it is, even after the Clean Water Act. As a citizen of Chicago, I think the river is part of our home. But we can't swim in it, fish in it, or do recreational activities. How can we grow and prosper as a city if we can't even keep our own home clean? We get so much out of the river and it has been with us for hundreds of years, so if anything, the River deserves to be clean. Chicago is a beautiful city, but whenever I drive or walk by the River it just makes me feel sad. I think of how much the River needs our help and you can help us make a big change. So many people across Chicago have committing themselves to helping the River and if you helped you could make a big difference. On Monday our grade is taking a trip to the river and we have to wear special clothes to go in it because it is so unsanitary! Does that seem wrong to you? Please understand that the city and the Chicago River needs your help, and if you decide not to help the River can only get worse. The River is our home and we need to keep our home clean.

Sincerely,



Ella Berry

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Dear John Therriault,

I am a student at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School; I wanted to let you know how I feel about what's going on with the Chicago River. The United States Clean Water Act and the constitution of Illinois guarantee clean water, but they're not the only people who care. People come to Chicago to do all sorts of activities such as swimming, jet skiing and canoeing, but when we do that we are exposing ourselves to harmful bacteria from sewage and garbage that can make us sick. Other citizens have expressed their support for a clean river that is sewage free by also submitting letters. I just have a question, how many letters do you think you receive about the river being to polluted? Does it ever make you want to change your mind and try to do something? When I was researching about the river with my class it made me feel guilty that I was not doing anything about it or even thinking about it. I am not trying to blame you or make you feel bad, just to think about it. Monday November 1 our 7th grade is going on a trip to pick up some of the garbage and learn more about the history of the river. Even though this is not the most interesting topic to me I am still trying to do my best and show that I have some pride in how clean we are keeping our city. Even long ago the waterways haven't been treasured and cared for like lake Michigan. Its very important to reflect how we use and want to use our rivers, then we will be able to share these wonderful natural recourses of our river.

Sincerely,

Sam Feller

Sammie Feller

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Dear Mr. Therriault,

I think that it is a great thing that Chicago has started to clean the river but certain things about the process are very harmful. The fact that people cant even get touched by the water or they will usually have a bacteria reaction on your skin is outrageous. Anyway, when the water treatment centers put the bacteria in the water to treat they should be forced to take it out. They should have to take the harmful bacteria out because even though it takes out more bacteria then they put in it is still harmful. In all i think that the water treatment centers should definitely be forced to take the bacteria out to make the water even cleaner, i think that this is the best way to get the river clean again the fastest.

Sincerely,

Jonah Donnelly

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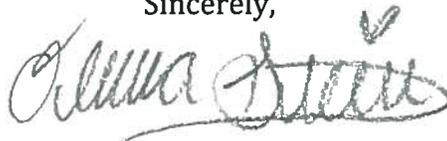
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Dear John Therrialt,

I am a student at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School, and in class we are learning about the Chicago River. As, you might know many people are concerned about the river, and some do not care at all. Well, I would like to help. What we can do is gather more people who agree to help save the river and if we get enough people to be against throwing our garbage there, our river might actually become less polluted. There is no need for people to be putting bacteria in it; it is affecting the animals and plants that live in the water. Also, we are unable to swim, canoe or fish in the water. But if we all come together like I mentioned before, we would be able to do those activities and have more fun. I just wish someday that could happen. I know you can't change the river yourself, you obviously need some help and I am willing to do that. Moving on, all my life I have lived in the city, and every time I drive downtown I pass the Chicago River. When I look out my window, to me it looks like a green swamp with a couple pieces of garbage floating around. Do you really want our river to look like that? We have to realize that we are lucky to have a river but, we need to take care of it. Just keep in mind that one person can make a difference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Olivia Stein". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Olivia Stein

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Dear John Therriault,

My name is Vanessa, and I am a seventh grade student at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. I think the bacteria in the Chicago River is very upsetting and bad. Since I have lived in Chicago my whole life, I see the river almost everyday. I see it when I go downtown, I see it when I drive on a bridge, and lots more. But now when I see it, it is sad because it is harmful to humans. I remember when I was seven I went canoeing on the Chicago River, and it was a very enjoyable experience. But now, if I tried canoeing I would get sick because of the bacteria. I think that we should take out the bacteria because going and being the river is all part of Chicago. If we just keep doing what we are doing, we will never be able to canoe, kayak, or swim in the river. And if this happens it will be very gloomy looking at something that we can never go in again. Therefore, I think we should take action and take out the bacteria so that we can appreciate the river for what it is.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Ullman

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Dear John Therriault,

I believe that the river is becoming much too polluted. You really need to realize that you are harming the animals that live in the river. It is time that you start using a disinfectant in the river. I remember swimming with the fishes as a child, and now that memory had been taken away because of you. I want my kid, Bill, to be able to swim with the fishes, too. Please save my river, and my memories.

Sincerely,

Ben Bellick

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Dear, John Therriault. I think the Chicago River is being mistreated. I don't think it is fair that the river has to have things in it that are not natural. There are different lives of animals that are being killed because of this. I am nice to kids, I am nice to animals, I respect my elders, but one thing that many others and I won't tolerate is having a dirty river. Imagine coming home from work and your house is a mess. Then you find out you won't be able to clean it up yourself. That is how the species living in the River are feeling. Don't pull an, "Erin Brockovich."

Sincerely,


Jacob Gold

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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I am a middle school student at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School. I believe that the river should be clean because it is very important to me and many other people. I used to go to the river to canoe and take boat rides. Now I don't want to because of the fear of getting severely sick from the bacteria left in the water. We need to properly clean the water so that we can all enjoy the river.

Sincerely,
Elaine

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Dear Mr. John Therriault,

Hello, my name is Shulie Weinberg and I am very concerned about the state of the Chicago River. I'm twelve years old, and I have lived in Chicago all my life. Ever since I was a little kid, I have always been around or driven past/over the Chicago River. I have also canoed down the Chicago River, whether at day camp or with my family. The river was always a weird color and there was disgusting and moldy trash floating everywhere. I would love if the river could get cleaned up so canoeing and other water activities would be extremely enjoyable!

This year in seventh grade, we are learning about the river. We have all discovered that it is tremendously important to all of us that the river is cleaned up.

Thanks!

Yours truly,

Shulie Weinberg

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Dear Mr. Therriault,

You need to do a better job. A better job at cleaning up the river. I grew up swimming with the fish and enjoying my childhood. Now you have taken away the experience of a lifetime for future generations. I realize that you don't care about any of this and think that I am a stupid kid but I will have you know that you are endangering lives. I don't know how you can live with your self and I hope you no longer take away someone's childhood.

From,



Teddy Menna