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Ms. Webb,

I am writing in response to Peoria Disposal Company's appeal to the IPCB to grant them a permit modification to consider them a waste generator, allowing them to expand the landfill and bypass the local approval process. I urge you not to grant the permit modification.

This seems a totally ludicrous request and a waste of your organizations time and energy. The laws were modified to provide local approval for landfill siting and expansion. Our local government and citizens have spoken via the Peoria County Board's vote denying the expansion permit and the many thousands of public comments opposing the expansion, modification and renewal. Now they are trying to pretend they actually generate the waste that is physically trucked from other cities and states to their facility.

The permit expansion process was very thorough and lengthy. The Peoria County Board found that PDC did not meet just one, but three of the nine criteria. As allowed by law, PDC has chosen to continue to fight this battle through the appeals process. It seems it would be more productive if they would put their efforts towards earning the communities trust instead of undermining it further by what is perceived as a very deceptive move.

Much has changed since 1987 when their initial permit was granted, but the fact remains our Peoria County Board did not support the landfill in 1985, and again they voted the expansion down in 2006, based on not one, but three criteria. PDC knew well in advance what the criteria was they had to meet and yet offered no evidence to support the criteria regarding the health and safety of the community. Inability to meet the criteria is no reason to change the rules of the game. They knew the rules upfront and yet elected not to play by them all. In addition, the Peoria County Board voted unanimously opposing support of PDC's permit modification.

Most importantly, PDC has had since 1985 to develop a contingency plan. PDC chose to ignore the message sent by the Peoria County Board in 1985, and the rapidly changing environmental climate. Since that time PDC could have applied for siting approval in a more suitable location. They did not. Instead, they operated under their original ten year permit for twenty years due to IEPA backlog. The citizens of Peoria County should not pay the price for PDC's short

sightedness. PDC elected to take their chances with the permit renewal and expansion request. Just because the result is not what they intended, should not mean they can reinvent themselves as a waste generator to bypass the laws that were designed to protect the citizens of Peoria County.

I urge you to uphold the IEPA's decision to deny PDC's request for a permit modification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Catherine A. Stevenson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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