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Pollution Control Board

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Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Frank Kasper. I am a local building contractor, certified by the National Association of Home Builders as a Green Professional. Six years ago I purchased property 2 miles south of the DeKalb County Landfill.

When I started my dream home and workshop, the dump was supposed to close in 6 to 7 years, replaced by a family park area. I planted trees, developed a pasture, and felt like my American Dream was slowly becoming reality. I appreciate the country smells, cattle, horses, manure, cut hay fields, etcetera, for what they are: this is a farming community. The occasional smell of the dump, though vile, was offset by the by the fact that it would soon close. There is a tremendous difference between cut hay or horses and rotting garbage.

The Dekalb County Board has pushed this dump expansion through without enough debate, before people have had time to fully grasp the size of the expansion or its effect on the community. It seems misleading to me to call this an expansion; it would be better described as an explosion. If Ford Motor Company or Microsoft expanded to 10 times their current volume, would the media report that the companies were merely "expanding"? Absolutely not. It is apparent that the County Board's decision was based solely on its need for revenue to expand local government after a referendum was defeated by the people. Waste Management, with its multi-million dollar profits, saw an opportunity and took advantage of it.

In the classes I took to become a Certified Green Professional, I often heard the phrase, "Think globally, act locally." This phrase encompasses areas such as conserving energy, recycling, and protecting the air, water, and soil. The cost of building green is greater than traditional building, but the point is to protect ourselves and fix our current mistakes in addition to implementing protective plans for future generations. It is my understanding the Environmental Protection Agency is committed to these same ideals. The EPA website states, "Although we can do a lot to clean up pollution after it's in the environment, preventing pollution in the first place is even better." Prevention is needed in DeKalb County immediately.

Waste Management intends to handle the waste of 17 counties by, in essence, digging a bigger hole in some of the most productive soil on the planet. The EPA is already monitoring 2 Waste

Management toxic dump sites. When will it end? As it stands, Waste Management will fill yet another hole with more pollutants that will eventually seep into the ground water while producing methane gas and hydrogen sulfide. As the Environmental Protection Agency, a government agency funded by tax-paying citizens, I respectfully request that you step in and deny Waste Management's proposal for a "mega dump" in DeKalb County until they can find a better way to manage the waste other than producing one more oozing toxic boil the size of 5,000 football fields that will need to be monitored.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Kasper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F" and "K".

Frank Kasper

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