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Dear Ms. Burke,

I would like to take a moment of your time to address a major concern relating to Midwest Generation. The purpose of my letter is to discuss the harmful consequences that the coal plant is having in the Romeoville and Joliet area caused by the coal burning at the facility.

My name is Marisol Soriano and I am a current student at the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn. I am currently enrolled in a biology class, where I have been learning about all of the harmful effects that coal burning could have on our health and our environment. I understand that Midwest Generation has already taken several of steps in order to reduce pollution from its coal plants but I strongly believe that more efforts need to be made in order to reduce the harmful effects that are being caused to the communities surrounding the area.

Scientific studies have linked ailments and heart diseases to similar coal plants like Midwest Generation. Federal records have releases that this plant alone emits more smog-forming sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide than the two recently closed Chicago plants combined. Also, a report by the National Research Council estimated that pollution from the Romeoville plant costs surrounding areas \$187 million a year in hidden health costs.

Please help us in order to continue with the proper steps needed in order to continue to reduce the pollution that is being caused by Midwest Generation. I understand that you have a long environmental background and that you are a strong believer in maintaining the Earth as environmental friendly as possible. It is important that we seek further actions so that this harmful plant does not cause further environmental and health issues.

Sincerely,



Marisol Soriano

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Dear Pollution Control Board,

My name is Valerie Basile and I am writing to you about the problems and issues we are having today in our environment and society. We need to address the issue of the coal fired plants in the area. They are not good for our environment and we need to work at this and help to get this issue resolved as soon as possible. There should be a strong force on getting the financial situation in tact and start doing what we should be doing for the environment. There should be emissions help at the power plant. We need to get a grasp on the pollution issue and the standards need to be abided by. If we are citizens against ruining the environment this needs to stop as soon as possible. We are always going to have money issues but these issues should be addressed first before we make this matter any worse then it is. We need to reduce the emissions and in the long run we will be saving money. The relief is needed now. Where are all the upgrades to the plants and reductions in emissions of mercury, nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide?

We can not keep delaying this process. There should be no more excuses like the current market conditions. What is said and done is two different things and this environment is being ruined in the process. Will county remains to be a problem that needs to be addressed. If we all get together and make time for this, it will make a difference. If you are going to continue to invest we can reduce emissions right away and continue to help the environment. I hope that we can make this work together and make the citizens in the environment happy and make this world a better place.

Sincerely,



Valerie Basile