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Have you ever blown on the embers of a campfire and watched the flames leap up?

Have you ever had the satisfaction of blowing out all the candles on a birthday cake?

Have you ever taken pleasure in pushing your body to its max, enjoying the rush of air in and out of your lungs?

These are simple things for much of the population, but for many people with breathing and lung conditions they are challenging or even impossible.

A wide array of health effects is associated with air pollution exposure, including respiratory diseases, cardiovascular diseases, and risks to pregnancy. Toxic chemicals settle onto plants and water. Animals ingest the contaminated food and water and it travels up the food chain. In 2013, the World Health Organization concluded that outdoor air pollution is carcinogenic to humans.

The mission of the Illinois EPA is to safeguard environmental quality and protect the health, welfare and quality of life of the community. The proposed changes to the Multi Pollutant Standard would allow Dynegy to keep cheap, dirty plants open while closing cleaner ones. Increased pollution will:

- Damage the health of community members
- Damage the welfare of community members
- Damage the quality of life of the community members
- Increase Dynegy's profits

Which is more important to you?

- Increasing the health of shareholder portfolios?
- Or saving the hearts and lungs of the community.

Thank you for allowing me to provide this testimony.