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April 12, 2018

To The Illinois Pollution Control Board
CC: Hearing Officer Marie Tipsord

Re: Case R2018-20

As a legislator in Illinois, I have significant concerns regarding Dynegey's attempt to weaken their Multi Pollutant Standard (MPS). These regulations are important protections for communities throughout the state, especially those that are overburdened with air pollution. The MPS rewrite threatens our public health and environment, while taking a step backwards from clean energy progress.

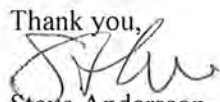
I urge the members of The Illinois Pollution Control Board to deny Dynegey's proposed rewrite of the Multi Pollutant Standard. Changing the standard from a rate-based standard to an annual fleetwide cap risks increases air pollution for cities where some of these plants exist.

At a time when our federal government is rolling back environmental regulations, we must ensure Illinois does not follow suit. A change to an annual fleetwide cap does not have any true basis in science, and is only being put forward at the request of Dynegey.

As reported in the Chicago Tribune, "Under the new rules, Dynegey could emit nearly double the amount of harmful sulfur dioxide they emitted last year."

We need to maintain or tighten air pollution laws instead of letting Dynegey off the hook. We should hold Dynegey accountable for the pollution they are already spewing instead of changing and weakening the standards that apply to them which could allow for more pollution from individual plants.

For these reasons, I am writing in opposition to this rulemaking, and urge IPCB to reject these changes.

Thank you,

Steve Andersson
State Representative

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