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

Re: Case R2018-20

Dynegy's attempt to weaken their Multi Pollutant Standard (MPS) is of great concern and I am opposed to this effort. The MPS 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 Dynegy's proposed rewrite of the MPS. Changing the standard from a rate-based standard to an annual fleetwide cap risks increased air pollution for cities where some of these plants are located.

These communities are already more heavily burdened by air pollution, and face environmental injustices. Instead of an inclusive, bottom-up approach, the proposal to weaken Illinois clean air standards comes from 8 months of backroom talks between Dynegy and IEPA.

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

Operating dirty plants more, which would increase pollution in certain communities, raises environmental justice concerns.

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

Thank you,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel Biss".

Daniel Biss
Senator, State of Illinois