

**Testimony before the IL Pollution Control Board, Monday, April 16, 2018
Case # R2018-20**

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today.

My name is Robert Pashos. I am a Godfrey, IL resident and a citizen very concerned about the prospect of pollution standards being reduced - in a way that would further harm fellow citizens in this and surrounding states, and move us in a direction we should not be going - all so an out of state coal power company can bully its way into having more profits in its coffers ...

I don't like bullies. And right now Dynergy, and its buddy Gov. Rauner - are trying to push their weight around - like bullies on a playground, and I ask YOU - members of the IL Pollution Control Board - to be be the adults on the scene to put a stop to their irresponsible and harmful behavior. We need YOU to stand up to them. We the citizens don't have the authority to do so, but YOU DO !

I was present, and testified, at ^{a previous} ~~the last hearing here in Springfield~~ ^{up in Peoria} ~~on this matter,~~ ^{some} and I was disappointed to hear one after another Dynergy employee make false claims that the proposed changes would improve - not worsen - the environmental impact from the coal plants in question. To quote some of our brave youngsters from the past few weeks who were going up against another Bully - " I CALL BS !!"

NO - these proposed changes WILL WORSEN NOT IMPROVE - what is coming out of Illinois's coal smokestacks !

We are not allowed enough time, in these testimonies, to go into the kind of detail I promise you I could - to PROVE the false information being put out - and the underhanded SHENANIGANS that went on between Rauner & his backroom dealing EPA and Dynergy's smooth-talking lawyers who helped craft this under-the-table deal. Michael Hawthorne of the Chicago Tribune did an excellent expose' that I stongly encourage you to read. I'm including a link to that investigative report.*

I beg of you - STAND YOUR GROUND ! DO THE RIGHT THING ! DO NOT CAVE IN TO THESE BULLIES !

* <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/ct-rauner-dynegy-coal-met-20170926-story.html>

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