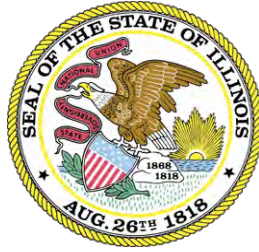


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### **Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez** State Representative • 24<sup>th</sup> District

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 Dynegy's attempt to once again weaken Illinois' Multi Pollutant Standard (MPS). These regulations are important protections for communities throughout the state, especially those that are overburdened with air pollution including the 24<sup>th</sup> District of Illinois. The MPS rewrite threatens public health, environment protection, and sets Illinois back in our work to address climate change and grow our clean energy economy.

I urge the members of The Illinois Pollution Control Board to deny Dynegy's proposed rewrite of the Multi Pollutant Standard. The proposal's attempt to change the MPS from a rate-based standard to a massive fleet wide cap, well above actual emission levels, risks increasing air pollution for communities throughout Illinois, including those in my district. 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."](#)

In the 24<sup>th</sup> District, the majority of my constituents are Latino and many already face high rates of asthma above the national average making them uniquely sensitive to air pollution exposure. Additionally, socio-economic factors and immigration status affect my constituents' access to health care. My district has a critical interest in making sure Illinois not only maintains the integrity of existing air pollution rules but also continues to strengthening state protections as air quality worsens from the impacts of climate change.

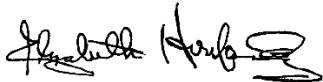
I am also concerned that this proposal comes from 8 months of backroom talks between Dynegy and the Illinois EPA as reported in the Chicago Tribune. On several occasions already, Dynegy has been granted delays and changes to the MPS and I ask that the Board deny this latest proposal as it fundamentally

reshapes the structure of the original rule and undermines the intent of this important clean air standard. The MPS was created in 2006 to protect Illinois residents from dangerous air pollution from coal-fired power plants when the federal government was failing to act.

Once again our federal government is rolling back environmental regulations and instead of stepping up to ensure Illinois environmental health is protected, we are abdicating our leadership with this proposal. In 2018, profitable companies such as Dynegy and Vistra Energy should be held accountable to its pollution and responsibly installing modern pollution controls for its coal fleet or investing in cleaner and more economically viable sources of generation.

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

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "E".

Representative Elizabeth Hernandez