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Mr. Don Brown,

It is beyond incredible that in the 21st century, we in Illinois, let alone America, are thinking of allowing coal plants to pollute over what is allowed by current clean air regulations. The thought that a company would come to the state of Illinois and request a loosening of pollution limits is really beyond comprehension. That the leaders of Dynegy-Vistra and the leaders of Illinois would give one second to increasing pollution from coal burning power pollutants is immoral. It is time for clean renewable energy. Tear down the coal plants and replace them with wind turbines and solar panels. These are the power source investments that need to be made. What follows is wording from the Sierra Club and should make the argument against coal plants clearer.

Dynegy-Vistra, a Texas-based company, is the largest power producer in the country and biggest polluter in Illinois with its 8 coal plants and 3 gas plants. Dynegy merged with Vistra Energy in April of 2018 (for a deal worth \$20 billion), while at the same time asking the state legislature for a rate-payer bailout, and also working with Governor Rauner's Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to rewrite and ease their air pollution rules. These regulations are called the Multi-Pollutant Standard (MPS) and Dynegy has already sought multiple compliance delays since they were established in 2007. Communities like the Peoria area are already overburdened with air pollution from Vistra's E.D. Edwards plant that has recorded thousands of Clean Air Act violations without an up-to-date operating permit, and should not be exposed to anymore.

After three hearings before the Illinois Pollution Control Board (PCB) and thousands of public comments in opposition to the pollution bailout, the PCB rejected Rauner and Vistra's original draft rule. However, the PCB modified the draft to create a new proposal that has some improvements but ultimately still allows Dynegy-Vistra to increase its pollution in Illinois by 40%. The PCB is providing a chance for both written public comments on this draft as well as a public hearing on January 29th in Springfield. Illinois residents have another opportunity to ask the PCB and our state, with new leadership, to reject this pollution bailout and instead move us forward with cleaner air and clean energy.

Regards,

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