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IN THE MATTER OF:  
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Zach Samaras and I live on the North side of Chicago. I love the outdoors, specifically exploring the Chicago River and Lake Michigan. I volunteer with Friends of the Chicago River and love teaching new people about the river- a gem most people even know about. While the river has recently been on the rebound in past decades, it still needs serious attention.

The river has a cloud hanging over it that it is dirty, polluted, unsafe, and gross- and unfortunately that is often the case! I believe that Chicago/Illinois rivers, lakes, and streams should be cleaned up as soon as possible. It's completely unacceptable that large companies are unwilling to take necessary measures to make sure they aren't polluting the waterways. These are public spaces they are polluting and ruining for others.

The Chicago River has the ability to transform Chicago and bring a whole new level of recreation, tourism, business/land development, etc. but polluting companies (as well as other factors) continue to hold the river back. Preventing companies from polluting because it's too expensive is one of the easiest/first steps that must be taken to protect and conserve our waterways.

Thanks,

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