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Dear Mr. Brown:

As Vermilion County Chairman, I wanted to add the support of Vermilion County to the efforts to develop strong rules to regulate the handling and disposal of coal ash in and around the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River.

In 2019, Senator Scott Bennett and Representatives Carol Ammons and Mike Marron helped pass SB9, the Coal Ash Pollution Prevention Act. The Act called on the IEPA and the IPCB to develop rules for regulating the handling and storage of toxic coal ash within the state. We support the efforts of our legislators and hope this will assist all of our communities in developing safe natural resources that will in turn be an economic asset to Vermilion County and the surrounding area. Aside from that, as a primarily agricultural community, we always support the concept of being good stewards of the land which supports us. So, supporting this endeavor is a win-win situation for us as a community.

We hope there will be an effort to engage the public and provide them with the comfort of knowing how and why the rules were developed and what prospects we have of success in preserving one of our important resources.

If we can assist in any way, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Baughn, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Larry Baughn, Jr.  
Vermilion County Board Chairman  
Vermilion County, IL.