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Dorothy Gunn, Clerk
Illinois Pollution Control Board
James Thompson Center
100 W. Randolph Street
Chicago, IL 60601

PCB03-221
PCT#10

Dear Ms. Gunn,

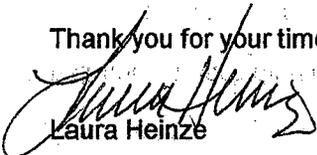
I am writing to you to express my extreme opposition to the Lowe Waste Transfer Station, case number PCB03-221. I am asking that the IPCB uphold McHenry County's decision to deny Mr. Lowe's application and let me tell you my reasons. I am a first time home buyer that recently moved into Cary. It was a wonderful accomplishment for me to purchase this home and I will try to express to you in words the extreme satisfaction as well as accomplishment and pride I feel on my new purchase. I choose to live in Cary, and specifically, the Bright Oaks subdivision, because it is an established family community. The people there are hard working, of all age groups and take wonderful care of their properties. I watch my neighbors who have lived here for many years work outside every weekend landscaping, decorating and repairing their yards. These yards are common areas and the residents are not required to make any improvements. They do it because they want to live in a well kept and beautiful neighborhood. I also choose to live in Cary because it is a location away from the high traffic congestion in other towns like Schaumburg, Palatine and Arlington Heights. It is like going home to a place in the country every night, rather than living in a "hotel room" condominium in another town. I made the decision to drive an extra half hour in each direction to work every day, so I could live in a quiet community like Cary.

When I began hearing about the proposed waste station that would be located approximately 2000 feet from my front door, it put a pit in my stomach. Not only is it a huge let down for me, but I am fearful of the effects it will have on my everyday life. Increased traffic, the constant smell of garbage that will be worse in the summer months, waste blowing into my subdivision and noise pollution are a few common traits of these types of stations. After all my hard work to become a homeowner and accomplishing my dream, Mr. Lowe wants to put a garbage dump in my front yard. I was counting on my property appreciating in value over the next few years. If this waste transfer station is built on Mr. Lowe's property, it may not appreciate at all.

The residents of Cary have to pay for garbage pick up under the Blue Bag Program; I would gladly see an increase in the cost of blue bags over the building of the transfer station. The Blue Bag Program forces me to make conscience decisions about the products I buy and the waste I generate. Cary has a wonderful recycling program as well. I am so proud of it. I give them 70% of my garbage every week. In another town, that material would go into a waste transfer station, then into a land fill. The village does every thing possible to control waste production. It is so ironic and unfair that this proposed project would be built on Cary's border. The negative stigma on the village and my subdivision would be irreversible.

I am asking you to please uphold the McHenry County's decision to deny the application for the Lowe Waste Transfer Station. There are other locations that are less populated in McHenry County that could tolerate a station like the one proposed. Please consider the negative effects it would have on the earth, air quality and water supply for the adjacent McHenry Conservation Area, recreational parks, schools and homes in the surrounding proposed site area.

Thank you for your time and consideration,


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