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To: [Brown, Don](#)
Subject: [External] Opposition to CITGO Refinery Petition
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to CITGO Refinery's petition seeking relief from existing carbon monoxide emission limits.

As a resident of Homer Glen, I am deeply concerned about any action that would weaken air quality protections for the people who live, work, and raise families in this region. Our community should not be expected to accept lower air quality standards simply to accommodate refinery operations. Clean air is a basic necessity, not a privilege. This issue is especially important because decisions made today can have long-term consequences.

This issue extends far beyond the immediate area surrounding the refinery. Air pollution does not stop at city boundaries or property lines. Emissions released into the atmosphere can affect communities throughout the region, impacting children, seniors, individuals with respiratory conditions, and anyone who depends on clean air to maintain their health and quality of life. This issue is especially important because decisions made today can have long-term consequences. I am very concerned that any increase in air pollution could negatively affect pollinators such as bees, whose health and ability to support our environment and food production are already facing significant challenges.

The standards currently in place exist to protect public health. Reducing or relaxing those standards could set a troubling precedent and increase risks for residents who will ultimately bear the consequences of increased pollution. Decisions regarding air quality should prioritize the health and well-being of the public rather than the convenience of a single facility.

I believe we have a responsibility to protect our environment for current and future generations. Lowering emission standards sends the wrong message about the value we place on public health and environmental stewardship.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Illinois Pollution Control Board to deny CITGO Refinery's request for relief from existing carbon monoxide emission limits and to maintain the protections that help ensure clean air for all residents.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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