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June 25, 2026

Miss Carol Webb
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Dear Ms. Webb and Mr. Brown:

I am writing on behalf of my constituents regarding Case PCB 2026-042, *Angela Griffin and Michael Griffin v. Knight Hawk Coal Company*, concerning alleged industrial noise pollution in Perry County.

My office has remained in contact with the constituent regarding this matter and with representatives of Knight Hawk Coal Company. I understand the concerns surrounding the ongoing noise issue and its impact on my constituents' ability to enjoy their homes.

On June 24, 2026, my Legislative Assistant spoke with a liaison from the Illinois Pollution Control Board regarding the status of this matter. During that conversation, my office was informed that the Board currently has no timeline for issuing rulings on pending cases. While I understand the Board must follow its procedures, the lack of a timeline has created continued uncertainty for the constituent.

I also understand that Knight Hawk Coal Company has been working to address the concern, including efforts to muffle the exhaust fan's noise. I appreciate the company's willingness to work toward a potential resolution while this matter remains pending.

I respectfully request an update from the Board regarding the status of PCB 2026-042, preferably by July 30, 2026. Any information regarding the expected timeline or next steps would be greatly appreciated.

My office will continue to communicate with both the constituent and Knight Hawk Coal Company as this matter moves forward. Thank you for your attention to this issue and your consideration of my constituent's concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Friess', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David H. Friess
State Representative
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