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To: [Brown, Don](#)
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Dear Sir,

I am writing to respectfully oppose CITGO's request to adjust or relax the EPA carbon monoxide (CO) standards applicable to its operations in Lemont, IL.

Carbon monoxide is a dangerous air pollutant that poses significant risks to public health. Even at relatively low concentrations, exposure can reduce the body's ability to deliver oxygen to vital organs. Children, older adults, pregnant women, and individuals with heart disease, respiratory conditions, or other chronic illnesses are particularly vulnerable to its effects. Increased CO emissions can contribute to headaches, dizziness, fatigue, impaired cognitive function, and, at higher concentrations, life-threatening health consequences.

Approving this request would place nearby communities at unnecessary risk. Residents living close to industrial facilities already face cumulative exposure to multiple pollutants. Relaxing existing emission standards could further degrade local air quality, increase environmental burdens, and disproportionately affect families who live, work, and attend school in surrounding neighborhoods.

The current EPA standards exist to protect public health with an adequate margin of safety. Lowering or modifying these protections should require compelling evidence that there will be no adverse impact on surrounding communities. In the absence of such evidence, maintaining the current standards is the most responsible course of action.

I respectfully urge the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to deny CITGO's request and continue enforcing the existing carbon monoxide standards. Protecting the health and well-being of Illinois residents should remain the highest priority.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

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