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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,
I believe that the Illinois Pollution Control Board should overturn the Village of Rantoul's decision to approve the waste transfer station. I think the Village of Rantoul's process for approving the waste transfer station was unfair because they changed boundaries for written notification to exclude the closest residential area which includes a condo association comprised of many retired persons as well as several fast food restaurants and a hotel. This exclusion prevented property owners in that area from receiving written notification prior to the vote.

I also attended the Hearing on 11/4/2026 and after listening to the testimony of the mayor and the three trustees that voted to approve the waste transfer station, it was apparent that they were either unaware of what they were approving (this was indicated by the trustee's stating that they had skimmed the documents regarding the agreement and did not read them as well as not reading the letters from the citizens they received), or they completely disregarded the interests of the citizens that they were elected to represent. I feel that the proposed site for the waste transfer station will cause an increase in rats, mice, and other pests as well as the location is near many eating places that will also suffer from that as well as the effect on their business due to the smell of garbage that will be present.

The traffic study that was conducted prior to the vote, was conducted on a Tuesday, which historically is one of the least busy traffic days in that area. A traffic study should have been done over a period of different days and times to get a true picture of how the increased truck traffic will affect the area. There is a sports complex in that area that increases the traffic on Weekends as well as 3 hotels, a senior living facility, a condo association with 47 units, a large car dealership, a Walmart store, gas station and several fast food restaurants that add to the traffic in the area.

In addition, there is some question whether the information presented by the expert that was hired to provide the Village board with a recommendation on the site for the waste transfer station was unbiased. There were indications that perhaps the expert was recommended by someone that had an association with GFL (Area Disposal). If that is indeed correct, then that should raise flags as to the fairness and legality of the report that influenced the Board to vote to approve the site.

In conclusion, I feel that it is a detriment to the area's businesses as well as the residents to have the waste transfer station in the proposed location. The Village of Rantoul has finally started to recover after the closing of Chanute Air Force Base and locating a waste transfer

station in the area that is not only the main entrance to the village, but also the area with the most commercial development in recent years will have a huge negative impact on the community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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