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2185 N. 300th St. Mason, Illinois 62443 July 21, 2004

Mr. J. Philip Novak Chairman Illinois Pollution Control Board James R. Thompson Center 100 West Randolph Suite 11-550 Chicago, Il. 60601

Dear Mr. Novak:

We are writing to you about the Sutter appeal of the Illinois EPA denial of a permit for a garbage transfer station across the road from where we live here in Effingham County on the Altamont-Farina blacktop (PCB 04-187). The garbage station that Sutter wants would be within about 500 feet of the home we live in and rent from Lloyd Stock.

We moved in next door to Jesse Ruffner and his family including their new baby, Kyle Mason, on June 30, 2004. Our daughter, Heather, is one year old. So far we like living here and being in the country. We also get along well with the Ruffners.

We can not comment on the law that the Illinois EPA depended upon to make its decision to not let the station go in here, but we are certainly glad that the law exists and that they made the decision they did for our sake. The traffic on the Altamont-Farina blacktop is already very heavy, and we would not like to see more garbage trucks into the place across the road. We also are glad that we will not have to live so close to the smell and looks of a garbage place right by our house. We understand that a new garbage station is not permitted under the law to be located within 1,000 feet of a person's home. We hope that you will uphold this law and support the Illinois EPA in protecting us. It is a very personal matter in our case and to make the point, we have included a picture of us and the Ruffners together here at home.

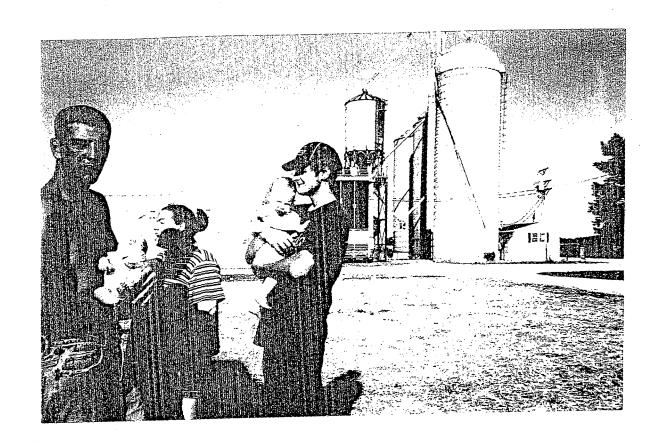
Please do not let our home end up so close to a garbage station.

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