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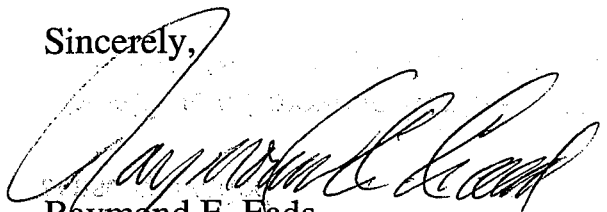
To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in reference to the proposed landfill to be sited in Kankakee County. Prior to moving to Kankakee my wife and I resided in Blue Island, IL. I was very active in the community so much so that I was elected to the local school board and alderman. During that period of time moneyed interests came to Robins, IL in an attempt to build an incinerator. The developer of the incinerator assured the residence that our health would not be impacted nor would our property values decrease. To make a long story short the incinerator was eventually shut down with the help of many fine citizens and Senator Patrick O'Malley. In spite of the assurances of the developer and the gifts/incentives given to the officials of Robins common sense prevailed.

My wife and I move to Kankakee to find our selves faced with the same dilemma. Issues of public health, property values, and quality of life are secondary to those that are lured by the fees they will derive from the waste haulers. Please don't misunderstand me. I am not a NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard). But I am also not one who will accept short-term gain with the potential for long-term pain. I could support a landfill that would accept local refuse only and not be located adjacent to or near the Kankakee River.

You have heard the expression that image is everything. Kankakee has had an image problem. A landfill will not improve the Cities image nor attract the type of developers that could go a long way toward solving many of Kankakee County's problems.

Sincerely,


Raymond E. Eads