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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board:

This letter is in regards to case number PCB 03-221, concerning the proposed waste transfer facility in Cary, IL. My family and I have lived in Cary for the past twelve years. We moved here from a Massachusetts suburb, and chose Cary from the many possible towns near my husband's new job. There were many reasons for our decision, including the excellent school system and the overall character of the town. It is this character that I feel would be in grave danger if the proposed waste facility were to be allowed. In 1994 our family and many others worked together to build the Timbertown playground on Georgetown Drive. This property is just across route 14 and around the corner from the proposed facility. On any given day that the weather is even remotely nice one can pass this playground and see many families enjoying the park and surrounding fields. Families walk, bike, and drive to the park, not only for the playground equipment but also to play soccer, practice baseball, fly kites or run around the fields with their dogs. Imagine on the warmer days the breeze carrying the odors and noise of a waste transfer facility to this family play area. One that was designed, paid for, and built by the families that use it. Our family is also one of countless numbers that enjoy the Hollows conservation property which is located directly next to the proposed facility property. In a time when open space and natural settings are disappearing at a rapid rate one can hike into the Hollows and be surrounded by nature. Large trees, lakes, deer, and hawks are just some of nature's gifts that my children enjoy being part of at this site. To put a waste transfer facility adjacent to this beautiful area is hardly "minimizing incompatibility with the character of the surrounding area." I'm not sure why someone would want to build a facility where it is so unwanted, except for the benefit of their financial bottom line. Of course, this is at the expense of the homeowners' finances, when their property values are impacted. Please listen to the residents of this town when we ask you not to allow this facility to be built. After all, we are the ones who will have to live next to your decision.

Sincerely,

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