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Illinois Pollution Control Board Attn: IPCB Clerk Dorothy Gunn Waste Management appeal Hearings

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Dear Illinois Pollution Control Board,

I appreciate this opportunity to express my opinion regarding the Waste Management landfill expansion proposal. The Kankakee County Board, after careful deliberations, rejected this proposal. I believe their decision was based on a number of factors, including environmental impact, need, and public outcry. I support the judgment of our County Board in opposition to further expansion of the landfill.

I now join the voices of those who refuse to see their county turn to refuse for the monetary gain of Waste Management or any other company. I can understand why this (or any) corporation would endeavor to protect their assets and to ensure healthy returns on their investments. I appeal to you to consider the families and individuals residing in Kankakee County. We too endeavor to protect our assets: our land, our water, our air, and our children. We too hope to ensure a healthy environment for ourselves, our children and theirs.

Dealing with our own waste is an issue to be taken seriously. From what I have read Kankakee County can do that without expansion to the existing facility. The Kankakee County Board has acted in a manner which they (and I) believe will serve the best interests of the community at large. They have acted responsibly to protect their public. I appeal to you to do the same. Let their decision stand.

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Respectfully,

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