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Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission
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Dear Mr. MacEwen,

Mr. Nick and Chad Howatt have expressed well the logistical concerns and objections to the D. P. Murphy application for another petroleum outlet in Borden-Carleton. They have addressed numerous essential points, such as traffic, population, competition, and services that are currently available. As they state, their business, along with Ceretti's meets these needs for the community and surrounding area. Their objections alone should result in a lasting rejection of the Murphy application. They should not need to revisit this issue on a frequent basis.

However, it is essential that you understand the community feeling that is against this proposal. It would be hard to exaggerate the support and respect that both the Howatts and Cerettis enjoy. They have been prominent and generous business owners in our community for generations. They are liked and appreciated by both locals, second home owners and tourists alike.

They offer traditional and essential goods and services that are essential in our area, especially in the winter. They are thoughtful and caring business owners and they are incredibly generous. We have lived in Cape Traverse for fifteen years and when we moved here, we heard about both businesses immediately. We were repeatedly told that we wouldn't have to go any further for anything that we might need. They are also gathering places. They remind us of the general stores that used to be central to many communities.

Ceretti's and Howatt's businesses epitomize all that is good on PEI. They offer local, thoughtful and efficient products and services that are hard to find in this day and age. They connect many of us. The comment "I ran into so and so at Ceretti's or Howatt's" is a common refrain.

Our community would be much poorer without these two essential and highly regarded businesses that illustrate continuity in an age when that is uncommon. The number of public comments, which is enormous for a relatively small community, is a major indicator of the support that they richly deserve.

Yours,
Brian Chaboyer and Heather Craig
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