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Subject: PD527 - New Retail Gasoline Outlet Application - DP Murphy

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Re: PD527 – New Retail Gasoline Outlet Application – DP Murphy

Dear Mr. MacEwen

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed establishment of a new gas station in our beloved town. As an active member, born and raised, of this community, I am deeply concerned about the potential negative impact this development could have on our town's existing gas station owners and our community as a whole.

Our town currently boasts two exceptional gas stations, owned by hardworking individuals who have not only provided essential services but have also played a significant role in supporting the locals during challenging times. Both gas station owners have demonstrated remarkable generosity by extending credit to community members in need, carrying them through difficult periods and even making deliveries well past closing time without hesitation or second thoughts.

Their unwavering support and understanding have helped countless families in our town weather storms, financial hardships, and unexpected crises. This level of compassion and commitment to the well-being of our community sets them apart and fosters a strong sense of trust and unity among the people of Borden-Carleton and surrounding areas.

However, I am apprehensive that a new gas station, driven primarily by profit-seeking motives, may not exhibit the same level of generosity and community-oriented values. Large corporations often prioritize their bottom line over the welfare of local residents. The entry of a new gas station, owned by an impersonal company, threatens to disrupt the delicate balance and the genuine community spirit that currently defines our town.

Moreover, introducing a fourth new gas station will likely lead to increased competition, which could force the existing gas station owners to struggle to maintain their businesses and sustain their exceptional support to the locals. The potential loss of these community-minded establishments would be a severe blow to our town's social fabric and collective well-being.

Additionally, the negative environmental impact associated with additional fueling stations cannot be ignored. Our town has been making commendable progress in promoting sustainable practices and minimizing carbon emissions. Introducing a new gas station, with its associated pollution, noise, and increased traffic, would be counterproductive to our town's environmental goals and undermine the efforts of our environmentally conscious residents.

Considering these concerns, I urge you to reconsider the approval of the proposed new gas station. I kindly request that you take into account the invaluable contributions made by the current gas station owners and their exceptional support to the community. Instead of inviting in DP Murphy, that will not prioritize the well-being of our town, let us continue strive to protect and support our existing local businesses that have consistently demonstrated their commitment to our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust that you will take this matter seriously and make a decision that is in the best interest of our town and its residents by denying this application. Doing so, we can ensure the continued prosperity and well-being of our wonderful community.

Sincerely,

Donald C. Larsen