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Subject: DP Murphy Inc. Borden-Careyton Application for Gas Station

Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission
National Bank Tower
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Attention: Allison MacEwen, Director

Dear Mr. MacEwen:

We are writing in support of Howatt's and Ceretti's and to voice our opposition to the DP Murphy Inc application to build another gas station in Borden-Carleton. These businesses have been serving the community for generations - employing local people, supporting local fundraisers, providing access to reasonably priced groceries, and even allowing local residents to put groceries and gas " on tab" when times are tough.

While DP Murphy Inc is an incredibly successful business with an Island-wide reach, allowing this big business to set up shop in the area will undoubtedly lead to the demise of at least one of the existing service stations that are already serving these communities. The Island way of life and protection of local decision-making is what is incredibly important within this debate. Allowing residents of small communities to play an active role in decisions around rural economic development is key. Maintaining access to groceries and produce without having to travel into Summerside or Crapaud is also very significant.

We trust that IRAC will respect the autonomy of rural communities and allow the residents of Borden-Carleton to be heard. Growth for the sake of growth is not ideal, and big businesses and corporate entities rarely support communities in the same way that multi-generational family businesses do. This is a matter of standing up for small rural businesses and the families they have jointly served for over a hundred years.

Sincerely,

Dr. Janet Payne & Neil Payne,

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