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Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 9:23 AM
To: Allison MacEwen <AMacEwen@irac.pe.ca>
Subject: IRAC application

Dear Mr MacEwen ,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing on behalf of our concerned community to express our strong opposition to the proposed construction of yet another gas station in our area. We believe that such a development would have detrimental effects on our neighborhood and the well-being of its residents in Borden Carleton. We kindly request that you reconsider your plans and explore alternative options that would better align with the needs and values of our community.

We have outlined several significant reasons supporting our petition:

Borden-Carleton has a population of just over 750 people. Typically, with this amount of residents in a small area, you'd have one gas station. However, in summer months, with traffic patterns being high, three is definitely more than sufficient. Adding one more would certainly put at least one of the current locations out of business. These current businesses have been a staple our community for years through multiple generations. To see one or more go out of business would be devastating to the livelihood of these families and devastating to the residents of Borden-Carleton.

Health and Safety Concerns: Gas stations emit various pollutants, including volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and particulate matter, which have adverse health effects, especially for individuals with respiratory conditions. The addition of yet another gas station would expose our community to these pollutants on a daily basis, jeopardizing the health and well-being of our residents, particularly children and the elderly.

Traffic Congestion and Safety Hazards: A new gas station would attract increased vehicular traffic, leading to congestion on already busy roads. This congestion would not only inconvenience residents but also pose safety hazards, as more vehicles maneuver in and out of the gas station, potentially causing accidents or disrupting the flow of traffic.

We, the undersigned members of the community, stand united in our opposition to the construction of a new gas station in our area. We implore you to consider the valid concerns raised by our community and explore alternative development options that align with our shared goals of environmental sustainability, public health, and community well-being.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our petition.

Sincerely,

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