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To Whom it may concern,

Silliker Glass is a family operated business currently located in Borden-Carleton, PEI. It was started by my grandfather in 1965 in Summerside. In 1981, my uncle and father took over the business to allow their mother and father to retire. That generation has also since retired, in 2014 and 2021, respectively. I am currently running the business and dream of passing it along to my kids when their time comes. We currently employ 80 people at our two Borden-Carleton facilities and 20 in our facility in Beresford, NB.

**We oppose the proposal put forth to add a fourth gas station in the area.** Ceretti's Grocery & Hardware store has been an incredible asset for Silliker Glass since we moved to Borden-Carleton in 2010. If that store were to close, or forced out of business, it would be extremely detrimental to the success of my business. Chad's store has carried and maintained inventory for Silliker Glass that we need several times per week. It has saved us from travelling outside the area, supporting local jobs and allowing our production to continue as efficiently as possible. If we were to lose access to the hardware side of Ceretti's, it would directly affect my business. I strongly believe that the proposed gas station will NOT be of any use to Silliker Glass and only compromise our existing pillars of strength already established in the community.

Both the Province and people looking to invest in the area overlook industry in Borden-Carleton. There are far greater needs in this community for everyone to be consuming their time with, instead of another gas station. It makes no sense to build and we will not be supporting the new gas station if it proceeds.

Please keep in mind this is not a personal vendetta against the proposed developer. I hope they pursue investment in the Borden-Carleton area in a more relevant venture. I strongly believe this community has plenty of room to grow and thrive; the business community and government need to work together as a whole and pursue avenues that make us stronger, not weaker. I believe that this potential gas station is not going to benefit the community in any way and only tear it down.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matt' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line.

Matt Silliker, President  
Silliker Glass