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Subject: Proposed new gas station in Borden-Carleton

I am writing as a concerned resident of North Carleton to express my vehement opposition to the establishment of another gas station in Borden-Carleton.

As you are aware, Borden-Carleton and the surrounding areas are a close-knit community with a population of less than 1000 people. Our small, tranquil area has managed to preserve its charm and character over the years. However, the recent proposal for a new gas station has left many deeply troubled and anxious about the future of our beloved community.

The current situation already poses a significant concern as we have *three* existing gas stations in close proximity to each other. Adding yet another gas station would not only create unnecessary redundancy but also result in several adverse consequences, which I would like to bring to your attention:

- Small businesses in the area would suffer as the proposed location would affect existing gas stations such as Ceretti's, Howatt's and Esso in the area. Ceretti's in particular provides much needed services such as groceries and the addition of a general store.
- With multiple gas stations in a small area, the risk of accidents, fires, and hazardous spills would multiply. The proximity of these stations raises the stakes for safety concerns.
- The presence of numerous gas stations could negatively impact property values in our community. Potential homebuyers and investors may be discouraged from settling in an area saturated with fueling stations.
- A new gas station would not align with the character and aesthetics of our small community. It could detract from the natural beauty and peaceful ambiance that currently attracts residents and visitors alike.

Considering the above-mentioned concerns, we strongly urge you to reconsider the approval of the proposed gas station project. We believe that promoting sustainable and community-oriented development is crucial to preserve the charm and well-being of our town.

Instead of accommodating yet another gas station, we encourage the allocation of resources towards projects that enhance public services, support local businesses, and promote eco-friendly initiatives.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We hope that you will take my protest into serious consideration and prioritize the well-being of our community over commercial interests.