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**To:** Allison MacEwen <AMacEwen@irac.pe.ca>

**Subject:** Borden Carlton project

Dear Mr. MacEwan,

I am writing to oppose the new gas station/store proposed in Borden.

While I am a firm believer in free enterprise. I also think that several factors must be taken into consideration when it comes to small communities here on P.E.I.

As you know there is a limited number of potential customers in this area. The two main gas stations/stores have been servicing the people for over four generations. They have been supporters of the local events, contributing not only \$'s but space and products. They are and have been members of the community. They have extended not only credit but friendship to the residents. Consideration must be given to these facts. We have seen too many areas on the Island where big business has come in to a community and literally destroyed the good will all in the name of progress. Which is in fact greed.

While I have used these two businesses on several occasions, I have no personal connection to either. And will not benefit either way from the decision.

I trust that common decency and a sense of loyalty will prevail in the outcome. Small and local enterprises are the back bone of society and should be supported.

I am respectfully, yours truly,

Paul Smitz.