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Attention: Allison MacEwen, Director

Dear Mr. MacEwen

- I , Robert J Palmer formally opposes D.P. Murphy Inc.'s application to build a petroleum outlet in Borden-Carleton.
- I believe another petroleum outlet in the area is unnecessary and harmful to business and to the other two family owned stations in the community.
- I argue that there is not enough traffic to sustain four stations in a community of 788 residents and only a daily average of 4724 vehicles.

- Regarding the "Promotion of competition," I state that there are already three stations with ample parking.
- Concerning "Traffic volumes and trends," there are records of a significant decrease in gasoline sales since 2011, indicating a negative trend for the other three stations.
- In terms of "Population size and trends," Borden-Carleton has three retail gas stations for only 788 people, which is considered sufficient for the community's needs.
- The "Trends in gasoline sales" show a 93% decrease in their liters sold since 2011, and approving another station may lead to their business's closure.
- "Services presently available" in the community are already offered by the existing stations and other businesses, as outlined in D.P. Murphy Inc.'s application.
- They raise concerns about the impact on the local road and the danger increased traffic might pose to pedestrians and residents.
- The approval of the D.P. Murphy Inc. application would likely lead to the closure of one of the two family run gas stations, if not both, causing significant damage to the community.

- I emphasize the importance of our near by grocery store and the access to personal accounts for customers with financial difficulties.
- I believe the D.P. Murphy Inc. application does not bring any new benefits to the community or the motoring public that are not already available.
- Howatts Tourist Mart and Ceretti's, the current operators, have been family-owned businesses passed down through generations.
- These reasons alone are enough to disregard the application for another station in the area .

Yours truly
Robert Palmer !