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**Subject:** Opposition to PD527 – New Retail Gasoline Outlet Application

To whom it may concern,

At this point, you have read hundreds of letters, and have become aware of a petition with hundreds of signatures. I realize this letter comes in just under the 4pm deadline, and the reason for this was because knowing my wife had already written a letter, I felt we had shown our support. The more I have thought about it, the more important that I felt it was to write a letter as well.

I'm not going to get into financials, or studies to prove that a 4th gas station in a tiny community just doesn't make sense. I believe everyone already knows this, including IRAC and D.P Murphy INC.

Yes, Borden is the main gateway to the island, but it's a very rare occurrence that I have ever gone to any of the three existing stations and have had to wait in line to pump gas, or to pay for products at the cashier.

Howatts and Cerettis have run their businesses within the community for decades. Both families are strong supporters of the community, and the island in general. These stores do not operate on a 24/7 timeframe, but if someone in the community, or general area, is in need of something, both of these families would be more than willing to go out of their way to open the store and help out in anyway possible. This is the small town type of service that DP Murphy Inc is not going to be able to provide. One example, how many times has Ceretti's opened their doors to Maritime Electric to feed their crew during major storms and outages?

Approving a 4th gas station in the area will mean one, if not both, of these stores will end up closing their doors. You know this. D.P Murphy Inc. knows this.....Howatts and Cerettis also know this. If IRACs main goal is to put small, family run business out of business, they'll approve Murphy's application and watch these hard working, dedicated, and caring families close the doors of business that their fathers and grandfathers built decades ago.

I sincerely hope this is not the case. If not already clear, I strongly oppose the idea of a 4th gas station/convenience store/restaurant in the Borden Carleton area.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Shaun Larkin