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**To:** Allison MacEwen <AMacEwen@irac.pe.ca>  
**Subject:** Opposition of New Gas Station in Borden-Carleton

Hello Mr. MacEwen,

I am writing this letter to voice my opinion which opposes the development of another gas station in the community of Borden-Carleton. Although I am not from this community, I live nearby, and I personally know how important these two family-run stores are to the residents of Borden, as well as those who live in the surrounding areas. The owners of these two stores make it knowledgeable that their community means a lot to them, as they are always there to help anyone in any way that they can.

From working at Ceretti's Grocery and Hardware for the last few years, there have been many times that Chad would go out of his way to help anyone that needed. During storms he would stay open for any items locals may need, and many times he would turn the fuel pumps back on to ensure that Maritime Electric could fuel up their vehicles so residents could get their power back on without any delays. Chad has also helped out many locals who needed help putting food on the table when money was scarce, and he is always donating goods and sponsoring local events. These little acts of kindness may seem small, but to a small and close-knit community, they are huge.

These two family businesses are vital to the community, and by adding a fourth gas station, one of these businesses will suffer greatly. Donations and sponsorships, as well as the helping hands that are found at these businesses will not be found at the new gas station if D.P. Murphy's application is approved. Past events, such as Murphy trying to evict his tenants to make room for his foreign workers, proves that his only interest is to benefit himself. This shows that he has no respect to care for his local community, and it is obvious that he is money greedy.

The community will certainly suffer if there is a fourth gas station built. Residents will suffer from a loss of support, and will no longer have the owners of these businesses to help them as they do often. Howatt's Shell and Ceretti's Grocery and Hardware are essential parts to this community, and by losing either one of these businesses, which have been aiding the community for years, the communities reliable support will be depleted.

Thank you,

Victoria Arsenault