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From: Jacinta Keough [mailto:keoughs75@gmail.com]
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To: Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission
Attention: Allison MacEwen, Director

Dr. Mr MacEwen,

Please consider this a formal letter of protest against the proposed application of D.P. Murphy Inc. to build a petroleum outlet in Borden-Carleton. We are lifelong residents of the area and are extremely concerned about the disastrous impacts that the addition of a FOURTH gas station in a very small rural area of Prince Edward Island would have on the existing locally run and operated businesses that have served our community with compassion and dedication for decades.

First, I am **appalled to note that D.P. Murphy's application is dated June 26, 2023!** We have seen that development underway for months and heard rumors of a Wendy's/Tim's combo going there or possibly an Irving gas station, but folks figured that a gas station couldn't be the case as there was no formal request into IRAC for this permission available on your website and surely no one would undertake such an expense without formal approval. Well apparently someone was brazen enough to proceed apparently considering themselves above the law and processes - or perhaps figured they have an "in" with the government and IRAC that it would just be a case of rubber stamping. Well we, the local residents of the community, are not going to let this happen without our voices being heard. There are many developments and investments in the area that D.P. Murphy could make that would add value and be welcomed to Borden-Carleton but another gas station IS NOT one of them.

While it is true that more traffic is coming to PEI via Borden-Carleton for the summer months, there is never a time when we experience lengthy waits for our fuel at the local stations. Actually, there is rarely a wait at all, aside from a few busy Sundays like that after the Cavendish Beach Music Festival when there are some lineups on the highway as vehicles wait to pay their bridge tolls to leave PEI. But even at that, it is not like the years gone by when

cars used to have to wait for the ferries and would be lined up to the Albany Y for hours sometimes. Back then, those travelers had time to spare and would pull in and spend money at local businesses and fuel up. Now, though long, the line keeps slowly moving and no one wants to risk getting out of line so rarely do they pull in and spend money in our community.

Howatt's Shell and Ceretti's Grocery & Hardware are both in their third generation of family owners/operators and have served our community in far-reaching ways above & beyond providing necessary fuel service and have done so through thick and thin - providing lines of credit, countless contributions to our schools and local benefit fundraisers, home doorstep delivery service during COVID and staying open and employing local staff when it was barely profitable to do so. These businesses, like many on PEI, rely on the little extra boost of profit during the summer months to make it feasible to remain open year-round. Allowing a large corporation to come in and take a considerable cut of those necessary profits will be devastating to one or both of these pillars of our community, and the residents of Borden-Carleton and surrounding areas will not let that happen without a fight. While investment and development in this area are needed, another gas station is NOT NEEDED OR WANTED.

We trust you will follow due process and consider the many emails and notes of opposition to this application - and also factor in the true numbers and the fact that work was well underway before D.P. Murphy respected the process and applied for permission to proceed.

Thank you for your careful review and consideration of this matter

Respectfully,

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