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Subject: FW: PD527 – New Retail Gasoline Outlet Application – D.P. Murphy - letter of opposition
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From: Nicole Warren [mailto:nmperry22@hotmail.com]
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To: Allison MacEwen <AMacEwen@irac.pe.ca>
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Attention Allison MacEwen,

I am writing to express my concern with PD527 – New Retail Gasoline Outlet Application – D.P. Murphy – June 27, 2023. If IRAC allows this application to go ahead in the proposed location, you will negatively impact the livelihood of local small businesses already filling the need for gasoline and convenience store items in the area. Two of which are family run businesses that have served and supported this community and surrounding areas for generations. Rural communities need small entrepreneurs like the Howatt and Ceretti families to survive and thrive. These businesses have employed us, contributed to our community, helped people through difficult times and so much more.

I truly cannot understand why a successful Island entrepreneur like the owner of DP Murphy Inc. would propose, in a community of this size, a business providing more of the same services already available. Why not take this opportunity to open a business in Borden-Carleton that expands the offerings to tourists and locals alike, support the community to grow and prosper. People would 100% get behind that, but we cannot get behind this.

Please closely examine the data figures this application contains for both accuracy and to consider the year-round implication of yet another gas station and convenient store serving this small population. I am all for competition where it makes sense and the population can support it. In this case, I don't believe the population can support it. The margins for the three existing gas stations/convenience store operators are small. They rely on the influx of tourists in July and August to offset costs for the rest of the year, when they must rely only on the business of the local residents and we rely on them for so much.

I oppose this application and urge IRAC to consider the feedback from the community (and beyond) and not approve the application.

Sincerely,

Nicole Warren
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