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Subject: Opposition letter PD527

I am writing in opposition of the New Retail Gasoline Outlet application. I currently live in Crapaud and travel to Borden at least once a week to buy gas, groceries and go to Tim Hortons.

Through the current 3 retail locations, any and all needs (gas, diesel, propane, furnace oil, groceries, hardware, etc.) are easily available. I see no need or service that is not currently being met.

As we all know summers can get busy on PEI during tourist season. Even with the increase in traffic I have never witnessed the current businesses not able to accommodate the influx. They are well established and know what to expect and how to handle these increases while still maintaining their high level of customer service.

Of the current businesses, two of them are long time family owned locations. They are huge supporters of the community and surrounding areas. I fear by allowing a 4th location, either one or both of these businesses may not be able to continue. The loss of either of those establishments would take away the services they provide that only people with a deep connection to their community supply. For example, allowing people to charge food or gas when times are tough, donating to community fundraisers, opening their location during snow storms or power outages so people with emergency situations can get the gas and supplies they need. If they were to close down their businesses the loss could not just be replaced with items on a shelf or gas in tanks.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope you consider all view points before making your decision.

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