

My Name and Cynthia Crook Pick of Harrisville RI.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak this evening.

I am going to speak plainly Madam Chair and fellow members.

You have observed and heard the residents of our town – I'm sure it's very clear to you and the members of the board that this is a project that is not being promoted or accepted by the citizens of Burrillville.

You are charged with weighing the potential benefits of this power plant against a multitude of impending issues:

- Hazards of pollutants that will make it impossible to meet the CO emissions of the "Resilient Rhode Island Act".
- Noise decibel levels that will not meet the town ordinance.
- The potential disaster of piping MTBE contaminated water through our community and leaking into our water sources.
- Eradication of 200 acres of forest lands.
- Hazardous chemical storage of Ammonia, Hydrogen and Oil on the proposed facility, with NO emergency disaster plan in place.
- The displacement of over 165 wildlife species including 2 threatened species. The state of RI can enforce the protection of the Piping Clover birds on our beaches but yet the displacement of threatened species and wildlife is simply over looked for this project? (Seems like a bit of a controversy – wouldn't you agree)?

And that Madam Chair is the heart of the matter.

The fact that the board is the only entity allowed to make this decision goes against every fundamental principle on which this country was built, on which the constitution was created, and the principles for which you have fought your entire professional career.

Therein lies the issue Madam Chair. We are being denied **Due Process**. I know that you are aware of the definition but if I may share for the attendees – "it is the legal requirement that the **state** must respect all legal rights that are owed and balances the power of law of the land and protects the individual person from it". Where are the legal rights of the residents of Burrillville? Are they being considered?

The people of Burrillville are not getting the honest facts and feel we are being misled down a path of and destruction, deceit and desecration of this beautiful town – our town-our homes-my home!

We are taught to avoid destructive unhealthy situations yet here we stand waiting in line for a 5 minute opportunity to share and plead our most precious thoughts and objections about this Power Plant proposal.

You and your fellow members would have the same objections if this request was being asked of you and your families, children and grandchildren. Would you like this Power Plant in your back yard?

When you make your final decision Madam Chair, there is only one requirement about which you should be concerned - there is no compromise when it comes to public safety.

Will you protect us Madam Chair?

Thank you for your time.

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