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To: Outreach, Gov (GOV)
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Subject: Proposed Burrillville Power Plant

My name is Rhoda-Ann Northrup and I live in Cranston, R.I. I was in attendance on Tuesday evening at the meeting in Burrillville. I went to the meeting because I am very concerned about the health, welfare and safety of the residents not only of Burrillville but for the entire state. The people of Burrillville presented a very orderly, intelligent, informed, factual, impressive presentation. I heard and learned so much more than I had anticipated. The stories of the people brought me to tears through most of the meeting.

When all was said and done, it is clearly obvious to me that this proposed power plant should never be allowed to come to R.I. It is no secret that the health, safety and welfare of the people will be placed in an extremely dangerous situation. Now that we know about the many toxic byproducts from the fracked gas and smoke stack fumes and the water contaminates; how could anyone with a conscience, allow this proposal to come to fruition??

I am a retired Registered Nurse and I was born and raised in R.I. I have lived here for most of my life, with one exception. I did live in Naples, Florida for almost 14 years. I left Naples two years ago because it was time to come home to my beloved R.I.

R.I. is unique and beautiful. We have it all! Not just the four seasons, beautiful flowers and green trees but a magnificent North Atlantic coast line, islands, lakes, quaint little towns, farms and forest, the city, theatre, fine dining, art and culture, some of the best colleges and universities to be found anywhere in the world, and I could go on and on. Do we want all of this to diminish towards an undesirable place to live? Who will want to live here? This proposed power plant is not a step towards healthy, prospective, economic development. I am writing this letter with intelligent, heart felt concern for all of us. This is not all about jobs. It is about the lives of so many people. It should not be about the corporate greed that is motivating this proposal. We need to be proposing clean energy resources not more fossil fuels!

I am begging you, all who will be involved in the final decision to consider the needs and wishes of the people. Would you want to live in Burrillville with your little children? Would you want to grow a vegetable garden in poison soil? Would you want to drink the poison water? Would you want to escape but not be able to sell your home? Do you want to die of cancer, cause KNOWN?

Anyone who approves of the proposed power plant will have mortal sins on their souls and blood on their hands.

I am nearly 75 and I care not only for myself but mostly for those that will follow me! We do not want to create nor do we want to leave them with a legacy that is no more than a toxic waste dump!

Yours truly,

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