



# DUPAGE COUNTY

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Dear Deputy Governor Mitchell,

As the Chairman and Members of the DuPage County Board, we are writing you on behalf of our constituents who are impacted by the emissions of ethylene oxide from the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook. We have been immersed in the matter from the moment we learned of the situation in late August. Almost five months later, we hope you will assist us in our efforts to shut the facility down until testing proves it can be operated safely, with no harm to our communities.

Since August, we have taken a series of actions on several fronts. In September, Chairman Cronin traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. At that time, he received a commitment from the agency to expedite analysis of air testing and to send U.S. E.P.A officials here to DuPage County to talk with residents, hear their concerns and share data and information. This meeting was essential, as the Chairman was able to directly convey the sense of anxiety and fear our residents have for their families' health. At that time, the Chairman expressed the need for more direct, open and transparent communication with people living and working near Sterigenics. The U.S. E.P.A. responded, meeting with residents in DuPage County and beginning an air testing program.

Our DuPage County Public Health Department worked with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to conduct well water sampling to ensure the local water supply had not been contaminated by ethylene oxide or its by products, including ethylene glycol. Test results are being shared now with residents. Chairman Cronin also provided testimony at a hearing held by members of the Illinois House of Representatives Energy and Environmental Committees in Chicago.

Together we have co-authored letters to the Illinois Attorney General and the Illinois E.P.A. who have the regulatory authority over the company and its operations. Many times, we have asked both agencies to shut down the company until testing proves its operation is safe. We have pursued state legislation, working with State Senator John Curran, who introduced a bill in the General Assembly to create new notification protocols that will alert surrounding property owners of an air emission leak, reopen the company's current air permit for additional public comment and expand the public comment period for any future permit renewals.

Five months after the reports first surfaced about Sterigenics, we are still waiting for the company to be shut down. We hope your administration will view this as a serious, urgent matter and work with us as we pursue solutions guaranteeing the health and safety of our residents.

Best,

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