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Gentlemen:

I have hesitated to write to you concerning my opposition to the refinery because I simply do not have the expertise to comment on the technical aspects of the Air Permit. But today, as the deadline for comments looms, I have decided that one does not need a scientific background to know that this refinery would forever change Union County and it's primary business of Agriculture. I do know about breathing, and the importance of good soil and water and all of these things would suffer from the constant bombardment of pollutants. I live very close to the proposed refinery but NIMBA is not my first concern. I love this state and have always been proud of it's agricultural contribution to the nation. and naively believed our elected officials did too. An oil refinery on prime farm land is an affront to our state and should be rebuffed. How could anyone fail to see the impact it would have on a farm community!! Can you imagine slow moving farm equipment competing with tanker trucks and other support vehicles on our roads? Think of all the land that would be lost to a maze of pipelines, roads and railways.

Have you concluded that the health of the community is not at risk from the pollution this refinery would bring? Have you considered the health of our farm animals? The bees are all dying- how would you feel if our pheasants were next? All of this risk for an industry that will be obsolete before it can be built.

Please rethink this Air Permit. At the very least, an Environmental Impact Statement should be submitted by Hyperion for your consideration.

Thank you,



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