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January 25, 2019

**Mayor**

Frank A. Trilla

Governor J.B. Pritzker  
Office of the Governor  
207 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

**Village Clerk**

Leroy R. Hansen

RE: **Sterigenics, Willowbrook, IL**

**Village Trustees**

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Paul Oggerino

Dear Governor Pritzker:

We are writing to you today in support of the residents, families, and workers in southeast DuPage County. As you are aware, there is a great deal of concern in our part of Illinois regarding the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook and its use of Ethylene Oxide. Representing the people of the Village of Willowbrook, we ask you to consider taking immediate action to address these concerns.

**Village Administrator**

Tim Halik

As you know, this issue came to light with the release of a report in August of 2018 by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), a federal public health agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. That report, and subsequent ambient air testing performed, not only by the EPA but by independent testing done by our Village, has led residents of our communities to believe that there is a present and significant public health hazard right here in southeast DuPage County; an existential threat that may have existed for the more than 30 years that Sterigenics has operated in Willowbrook. We have and will continue to commit all necessary resources to address this issue. But, those resources and our authority to act are limited and lacking in comparison to the Governor's Office, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), and the other agencies of the State of Illinois.

**Chief of Police**

Robert Schaller

As we see it from the perspective of our communities, an immediate response from the Governor's Office is our only option. Only you hold the authority to take the necessary action and/or correct the situation, so we humbly and appreciatively ask that you do one of the following:

**Director of Finance**

Carrie Dittman

- Demand that the Illinois EPA or USEPA immediately share definitive evidence along with a statement that the emission of Ethylene Oxide from the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook does not threaten the health of those living and working in southeast DuPage County, or;
- Take immediate action to shut down the Sterigenics facility in response to the public health hazard that the ATSDR has identified is present.



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Public health and environmental protection are fundamental responsibilities of the State of Illinois to its citizens. The lack of immediate action has led to heightened concerns and has exacerbated the health and economic fears that our community is already experiencing. As an example, our local elementary school, Gower School District 62, out of an abundance of caution, has re-routed school buses to ensure they do not drive in close proximity to the Sterigenics plants. This fact alone should illustrate the dire need we face for immediate action to be taken.

We look forward to your prompt response.

Very Truly Yours,



Mayor Frank Trilla  
Village of Willowbrook



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