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Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Director John J. Kim
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Chicago Department of Public Health
Interim Commissioner Allison Arwady
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Dear Director Kim and Interim Commissioner Arwady,

I write to share my concerns, and those of my community and local environmental protection organizations, about the anticipated demolition of the Crawford Coal Plant, located at W 35th Pl, Chicago, IL 60632. The demolition process has the potential to adversely impact the health and safety of my constituents living, working, and traveling in close proximity to the site. For those reasons I request that all applicable regulations designed to mitigate these risks are enforced by your respective jurisdictions.

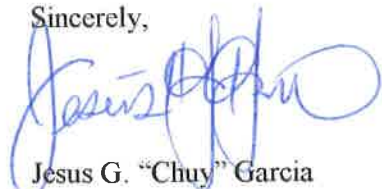
Throughout the Southwest side of Chicago, and especially in the neighborhood of Little Village, the abundance of industrial assets has compromised the air quality and the health of nearby residents for decades. Federal, state, and local standards, enacted to mitigate health and environmental risk factors, must be fully enforced.

I respectfully request that your agency provide its plans to ensure that the demolition of the Crawford Coal plant meets all relevant regulatory requirements and to make representatives from your respective offices available for meetings with community residents.

Further, I urge you to ensure that the demolition is conducted with transparency and that requests by community members for information are promptly fulfilled throughout the duration of the process.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your response. For any questions regarding this matter, please contact my Outreach Manager at (773) 475-0883 or at Julie.Reschke@mail.house.gov.

Sincerely,



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