

# Petcoke Regulations/Variance Requests-Oppose

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RE: Petcoke Regulations/Variance Requests-Oppose

My name is Anamay Esleta and I have worked as a Registered Nurse for 9 years at the University of Illinois. The community I serve is directly affected by the storage of pet coke. Thus, I feel that I have a responsibility to advocate for the people of Chicago. Chicago is one of the most beautiful places and its residents should be able to enjoy the beauty of the lakefront without fear of being exposed to pet coke, a particulate matter, understudied in regards to its impact on the environment. So far, we have seen that the release of pet coke particles can be incorporated into the soil, wind, and water. Many of the residents of Chicago are already vulnerable with comorbidities, such as cardiovascular and respiratory conditions, which can potentially be worsened with contact with pet coke particles.

Furthermore, just like myself, the Chicago of Public Health has a responsibility to protect the health and well- being of people of Chicago through implementing and abiding within the regulations imposed by the ordinance. Chicago, according to Frank Lloyd Wright "will eventually be the most beautiful great city left in the world. " And it is through our conscientious acts in protecting our environment that will determine what kind of Chicago and legacy we leave behind.

Sincerely,

Anamay Esleta