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Governor Beshear, Secretary Goodman, Mr. Maybriar, Mr. Hatton,

I am writing to express the concerns of the Citizens of Butler County, the Citizens of the Cities of Morgantown, Rochester and Woodbury, as well as many others outside our borders regarding a residual waste landfill proposed by Owls Head Alloys in our community.

Through an exemption in the Kentucky Revised Statutes, this specific type of landfill is exempt from Municipal Determination, depriving citizens and their Municipal Governing bodies of their voice in the initial application process. The exemption is regrettable and unjust, allowing off-site residual waste landfills to be imposed on our county while the jobs associated with the manufacturing are located elsewhere.

This residual/industrial landfill proposed by Owls Head Alloys, ultimately has the stated intention of dumping 1,000,000 tons or 2 billion pounds of Industrial (DOT Designated Hazardous) Waste in our community. We are left therefore with the permitting process that Owls Head Alloys has initiated by filing their Notice Of Intent and Administrative applications.

We, the citizens of Butler County oppose these applications as being inconsistent with the health and welfare, and economic well-being, of Butler County and its citizens. Among our concerns are:

1. The site is inappropriate for a landfill that will accept wastes that are reactive and problematic to manage. The proposed site is within 1 mile of Butler County High School and is within the city limits of Morgantown and near a number of vulnerable residential properties.
2. The point of hydrological discharge from the property into the Green River is Renfrow Creek, a mere 200 feet upstream from the Butler County water intake that supplies the whole of the County with **drinking water!**
3. The proposed landfill is unnecessary, since the disposal needs for Owls Head are currently being met by other permitted facilities.
4. The statute exempting residual landfills did not contemplate that such landfills would be located away from the source of generation of the industrial wastes. The proposed landfill will provide little benefit to the county, with an estimated 2 jobs in exchange for imposition of 1,000,000 tons of industrial wastes and the post-closure liability associated with the landfill.
5. The residents of Butler County oppose this landfill. The proposed Owls Head Alloys site is adjacent to the former Bowling Green solid waste landfill as well as the operating Real Alloys residual waste landfill that currently services Owls Head Alloys. Butler County is officially tired of being relegated to the role of unwilling "dump site surrogate" to Warren County and its businesses.

The Citizens of Butler County certainly deserve and absolutely demand fair and equitable consideration in a process that affects the well being of our Citizens, our children, grandchildren and generations beyond our present tenure.

Respectfully,