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Michigan Department of Environmental Quality  
c/o Andrew Drury—Air Quality Division

**Re: Marathon Petroleum Company LP, Detroit MI  
Permit Application Numbers: 118-15 & 122-15**

Dear Mr. Drury (et al),

I am writing today to express my concern with the proposed installation of a Gasoil Hydrotreater for the Marathon Petroleum Company LP, located in Detroit MI—Permit Application numbers 118-15 and 122-15. As a Canadian elected official representing people living in close proximity to this plant I am concerned about the air quality impact on the citizens I represent.

As an environmental regulator I am sure you are aware of the bilateral agreement signed between Canada and the United States on Air Quality. There is a pertinent section of this agreement that I believe should be considered in the context of this application which reads as follows:

Reaffirming Principle 21 of the Stockholm Declaration, which provides that "States have, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the principles of international law, the sovereign right to exploit their own resources pursuant to their own environmental policies, and the responsibility to ensure that activities within their jurisdiction or control do not cause damage to the environment of other States or of areas beyond the limits of national jurisdiction"

(Agreement Between the Government of Canada and the  
Government of the United States of America on Air Quality)

It is our understand that if the installation of this equipment at the Marathon Refinery proceeds there will be a measurable increase in the toxic chemicals emitted into the atmosphere including an increase of an estimate 22 tons of Sulfur Dioxide annually.

Given the prevailing winds in the region and the Marathon Refinery's proximity to the Canadian border it is clear that the air quality in Windsor and the surrounding region will be damaged as a result of the installation of this equipment.

I am urging you to take whatever additional steps may be within your purview to mitigate the harmful air quality impacts of this proposal. I will be notifying our own Canadian Minister of the Environment as well as the International Joint Commission to apprise them of this proposal and ask them to consider whether as outlined is consistent with US treaty bilateral treaty obligations.

Thank you for providing this forum for public participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Masse". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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