



EST. 1960

Willowbrook

835 Midway Drive
Willowbrook, IL 60527-5549

Phone: (630) 323-8215 Fax: (630) 323-0787 www.willowbrookil.org

October 1, 2018

Mayor

Frank A. Trilla

Village Clerk

Leroy R. Hansen

Village Trustees

Sue Berglund

Umberto Davi

Terrence Kelly

Michael Mistele

Gayle Neal

Paul Oggerino

Village Administrator

Tim Halik

Chief of Police

Robert Schaller

Director of Finance

Carrie Dittman

Governor Bruce Rauner
Office of the Governor
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706

RE: Sterigenics in Willowbrook, IL

Governor Rauner:

We are writing to you today in support of our friends, families and neighbors 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. As Mayors of the Village of Willowbrook, the Village of Burr Ridge, and the City of Darien, we implore you to take immediate action to address these concerns.

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 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 as Mayors have and will continue to commit all necessary resources to address this issue. But, those resources and our authorities 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.


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 calm the masses and/or correct the situation, so we humbly and appreciatively ask that you do one of the following:


- Require the Illinois EPA or USEPA to immediately provide definitive evidence and 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 action to immediately shut down the Sterigenics facility pending further analysis by the State of Illinois.

Public health and environmental protection are fundamental responsibilities of the State of Illinois to its citizens. Failure by your office to take immediate action will only heighten the concern and exacerbate the health and economic fears that our communities are experiencing. We look forward to your prompt response.

Best regards,


Mayor Frank Trilla
Village of Willowbrook


Mayor Mickey Straub
Village of Burr Ridge


Mayor Kathleen Weaver
City of Darien



Proud Member of the
Illinois Route 66 Scenic Byway