



Dear Mr. Schachler,

When writing your letters, it is important to ensure that they are personal and tell **your** story. However, if you get stuck for words or need suggestions for what to include, the following can be used as a guideline. Feel free to use what you see fit in order to convey your message to Mr. Juergen Schachler, CEO of ArcelorMittal-Dofasco.

Information on what to do with the letter once written can be found on our website (see back of page) or on the Letter Writing Handout.

1. Introduce yourself and where you are from:

"My name is _____ and I am a resident of the Hamilton Beach community."

"My name is _____ and I live on Grenfell Street right in front of your facility."

"My name is _____, and I am a Hamiltonian."

2. Give some history:

"I have lived in Hamilton for the past 5 years and have routinely experienced the horrible odors, and black fallout which your company has been producing."

"Being born and raised here, I am proud to call Hamilton my home and I do consider it to be a great place to live."

"I moved to Hamilton three years ago to attend McMaster University, and since then have called Hamilton my home."

3. Talk about what they are doing now:

"I have recently become aware of your request for alternate standards. Although I understand that changes take time, continuing to expose me and family to hazardous levels of BaP and Benzene for the next 5 years is unacceptable."

"I am concerned with the alternate standards that your company is currently applying for. The health of my family and friends is very important to me, and I am worried about the toll your factory's pollutants will, and are, taking on their health."

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"As someone who has experienced what it is like to watch a loved one battle cancer, I am fearful and made uneasy with the levels of cancer-causing chemicals (Benzene and BaP) that your company is currently producing."

"In addition to the visible pollutants, that your company dumps on my property, I have been informed that you are also producing benzene and B(a)P at hazardous levels. What's even worse is that you are doing this knowingly."

4. Express your wants and needs:

"To me, the rates in which you are producing your pollutants is unacceptable. Regulation 4-19 was put in place for a reason, and I demand that you try harder to reach the targets originally set by the Ministry."

"Change cannot take place overnight, and I understand that. However, your company had 5 years to comply with the standards set by the Ministry. For the sake of my health and the health of our community, I urge you to do everything in your power to meet the original MOE standard in less than 5 years."

"Five years is too long to wait for an improvement in air quality. In my opinion, our community's health is worth the money and time required to resolve the pollution issues."

5. Encourage the company to act:

"Good neighbors do not impact their communities in a negative way, rather they work towards positive change. Please create the changes that this community needs to ensure its health and wellbeing."

"As a member of this community, I urge you to become a better neighbor to me and my family."

"I consider myself to be a good neighbor; it's time that you became one too."

For more information please feel free to visit our website at:

www.environmenthamilton.org/view/page/goodneighbourcampaign

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