



# ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Alec Loorz, Founder  
Kids vs. Global Warming  
331 Prospect Street  
Oak View, California 93022

Re: Petition of Ena Kumar and Kids vs. Global Warming

Dear Mr. Loorz:

I am receipt of a recent Petition submitted by Ena Kumar and your organization, Kids vs. Global Warming, to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency ("Illinois EPA") seeking the adoption of rules in the State of Illinois for the regulation of carbon dioxide ("CO<sub>2</sub>") emissions and an emissions reduction program for reducing the same to a level of 350 parts per million by the year 2100. Thank you for your request.

As Director of the Illinois EPA, I share your concerns about global warming and its potential impacts on our planet and our way of life. In addition, I am committed to ensuring that the Illinois EPA is at the forefront of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in our State. However, the Illinois EPA does not possess the requisite legal authority to adopt substantive emission standards and therefore cannot formally act on your request at this time. As only the federal government, particularly, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, can embrace such a role, perhaps they would serve as a more appropriate venue for your petition.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Laurel Kroack, Chief, Bureau of Air at (217)782-7326.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bonnett  
Interim Director

cc: John J. Kim, Chief Counsel