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Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of the DuPage Cycling Foundation and hundreds of athletes and families that visit and ride in Lemont and the Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve.

We want to express our concern for the safety of our athletes and families who ride and visit the area if you proceed with a plan to erect a truck stop or gas station at 97th and Lemont Road. The proposed location is a highly active corridor for cyclists and Forest Preserve attendees from all over Chicagoland. We believe a truck stop/gas station will make the area unsafe to those families and visitors. Moreover, we are concerned that a truck stop or gas station will have a negative impact on the wildlife in and around the Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve.

Our foundation views Lemont as an attractive destination for cyclists and visitors to your beautiful Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve as well as the downtown community and frontage roads. The proposed truck stop will increase traffic and risk to cyclists and pedestrians, and will discourage cyclists and pedestrians from visiting Lemont. This seems to be in direct contradiction to your 2030 comprehensive plan.

MOBILITY ELEMENT VISION In 2030, Lemont will be well connected to the rest of

the Chicago region and have excellent connections within the community. Adequate connections will exist for all modes of travel, including vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, and transit. GUIDING PRINCIPLES • A safe and well maintained street network is the right of all roadway users. • Walking and biking should be a viable mode of transportation in Lemont for people of all ages and abilities. • A safe and convenient bicycle and pedestrian network that links homes, schools, businesses, and recreational facilities is an important contributor to a high quality of life for residents and supports improved public health. • Creating safe connections to regional trails and improving transit service are not only important components of a complete transportation network, but are equally integral to this plan's recreation and economic development goals.

On behalf of our foundation, our members and their families, we humbly ask you not to proceed with a truck stop or gas station at 97th and Lemont Road. I sincerely appreciate your time and consideration.

Regards,
Tim Radcliff
President, DuPage Cycling Foundation