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Members of the Environment and Land Use Committee,

Once again, our Mahomet Aquifer is under threat from corporations that seek to endanger the safety of our sole source of clean water.

We cannot allow this to happen.

I have written and filed a bill in the state legislature that would ban these practices in Illinois. HB5874 would ensure dangerous carbon capture and sequestration projects cannot operate anywhere near our community's water supply.

I intend to get this protection passed into law, but the residents of our community need the Champaign County Board to act, too.

Instead of governing responsively after an eventual leak that threatens our water, we can govern proactively - ensuring this cannot happen in the first place. I urge you to pass legislation that would ban the operation of carbon sequestration in Champaign County.

Sincerely,

State Representative Carol Ammons

103rd Illinois House District Joint Chair, Illinois Legislative Black Caucus

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