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Your Comments or Concerns

To say businesses place these nearest the work is unfounded, otherwise we'd see much more rapid development in southern Dallas (more black and Latinx) than northern Dallas (more white), yet this is not the case. Due to this environmental injustice, people of color and low income people are bearing the brunt of harmful particulates and pollution. As a Christian, I know it is wrong to place race or socioeconomic power over health, particularly of low income neighbors—the least of these.

Your Proposed Solution

I urge TCEQ to incorporate the recommendations of the Sunset Commission. Saying these will cost too much is ridiculous with the profits these companies earn. Just like when smoking ordinances were being put into place the restaurant any industry whined they'd go out of business, yet we have no shortage of non smoking restaurants and bars. Protecting health, particularly of children, elderly and our vulnerable low income populations is always the right thing to do.

Furthermore, I urge the TCEQ to pay for an independent study on the presence of racism in TCEQ practices and policies. TCEQ and its commissioners, as servants of ALL Texans regardless or race or socioeconomic status, need to humble themselves to scrutiny in a transparent fashion not only through this type of equity study but an additional permit meeting. A developed draft gives the companies more power than the residents. An additional permit meeting as recommended by the Sunset Commission is a step in equal representation for residents. Most sincerely.

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Yes