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Bechara Choucair, M.D.
Commissioner of Health
City of Chicago Department of Public Health
Attn: Environmental Permitting and Inspections
333 South State Street, Room 200
Chicago, IL 60604

Dear Commissioner Choucair:

On behalf of the members of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, I would respectfully ask the Department to accept the proposed variance requests from KCBX so they can move forward with their planned investment at its South Terminal on Chicago's southeast side with the least amount of business disruption and the least amount of impact on the nearby community.

If the City accepts the variance requests, KCBX will be in position to keep its ongoing operations viable while it undergoes an unprecedented investment to cover its petcoke and coal piles. This was the City's goal when it enacted its petcoke and coal ordinances earlier this year.

In its request, KCBX has shown that the variances will not unduly affect local public health. We believe the extra time needed (due to planning and permitting timeframes) and other special variances are requests that are common sense in nature and should be quickly approved.

It's time to move forward on this project and we hope the City will do its part to showcase good faith by allowing KCBX the time and opportunity to do this big job, and to do it the right way.

Thank you for the opportunity to include our perspective on this important issue.

Sincerely,



Tom Wolf
Executive Director, Energy Council
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