

(insert date)

Dear (enter name of legislator),

I am a concerned citizen in the Crystal City, Missouri area. Please help us stop the proposed construction of an iron ore smelting facility in Crystal City, Missouri.

In our hometown area a developer by the name of James Kennedy, the current owner of Upland Wings and Wings Enterprises located in Sullivan, Missouri, has proposed to build an iron ore smelter in Crystal City, Missouri. This facility will be a smelter for iron ore currently being mined at the Wings Iron Ore Mines (aka Pea Ridge Mine) in Sullivan, Missouri. To build this operation Mr. Kennedy has signed a lease with the City of Crystal City to lease an area located in Crystal City to build his \$1 billion dollar facility with the promise of jobs and other benefits for the city. The lease is for the area located within the city limits of Crystal City that once was the site of PPG Industries and has since been cleared and approved for industrial/commercial use by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency due to hazardous waste issues.

The city officials, including Mayor Thomas Schilly and the city council members, have signed this agreement with Mr. Kennedy in secret. No formal written proposals have been presented to the city officials or city residents outlining this project. They signed the lease with Mr. Kennedy and Wings Enterprises without discussing the issue with their constituents and refuse to discuss the deal with anyone.

Mr. Kennedy has promised the city and city council many jobs and economic benefits for the local area. The promise of jobs and economic benefits to the community is not the issue here. The issue is pollution, including air and noise and the affects on the local environment and also negative economic impact on local property values. No official studies have been done to determine the affects of the proposed facility to the surrounding area. There have been no feasibility studies done on these properties. The plant will be as close as 80 feet from some of the private homes in Crystal City.

Also included in Mr. Kennedy's plan is the lease or purchase of a neighboring property held in title by a company called Hugs Farm Partnership, LLC, locally called the Bill Bradley Farm, currently owned by former US Senator Bill Bradley and Peter Van Cleve. This property is 358 acres per the County Assessor's records. This property borders the Mississippi River and is currently zoned conservation. Mr. Kennedy has been in contact with Hugs Farm Partnership to secure a purchase or lease of the property in order to use the property as a location for a slag pile for the above referenced operations or as a location to build a port to be constructed by

American Milling Company to provide means to ship the processed iron ore via the Mississippi River.

The residents and general public of the area have not been educated in any way regarding the proposals by Mr. Kennedy and Wings Enterprises by our community leaders. There is a local group being organized to inform the public about these proposals. The name of our group is “Concerned Citizens for Crystal City”. We need to get as many of our legislators as possible involved in our fight to preserve the properties in question, both the former PPG site and the “Bill Bradley Farm”. We have contacted the Sierra Club and Greenpeace and hope to have them involved in our fight to save these properties. We are working closely with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the Environmental Protection Agency eagerly awaiting the formal applications of permits so we can scrutinize them with our local environment in mind. No formal plans have yet been presented to either of these government agencies.

Our fight to stop the destruction of the land and river areas has just begun and we are trying to bring as many groups on as possible. With this said we would appreciate your professional response to our request for help. Please make this one of your missions.

We have set up a website with information we have obtained through extensive research on the project. The website is: clearpillar.com. You can also contact our organization director Jack Ginnever at 314-541-6983 with any questions you might have regarding our mission.

Eagerly Awaiting Your Reply,

(your name)

Concerned Citizens for Crystal City