

Donna Gonzalez

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Donna Gonzalez and I am a resident of Benson, Arizona. I am writing to express my strong and unwavering opposition to the construction of the Aluminum Dynamics recycling facility in our small town.

Benson is not an industrial city — it's a peaceful, close-knit desert community where families, pets, and wildlife coexist with our unique natural landscape. I chose to live here because it's clean, quiet, and safe for my children and my dogs. That safety will be lost if this facility is allowed to move forward.

The air pollution this plant will produce — including fine particulate matter, hazardous chemicals, and acid gases — will not just float away. It will settle in our lungs, our soil, and our water. I do not want to raise my children or walk my dogs in a town where the air makes us sick. And I refuse to accept the contamination of our water, which is already scarce and precious in Arizona.

This factory will reportedly use thousands of gallons of water per minute. How can this be allowed when we live in a drought-prone region? We don't have water to waste — not for industrial use, not for profit, and certainly not at the expense of our river, aquifers, and future.

No amount of money or jobs is worth poisoning our land, risking our health, or changing the spirit of our town. I urge you to deny the permits for this aluminum plant. Stop this before it damages everything that makes Benson worth calling home.

Sincerely,
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