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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to formally request that ADEQ pause the permitting process for the proposed Aluminum Dynamics facility in Benson, AZ, and require an **independent Environmental and Health Impact Study (EHIS)** before moving forward.

The draft air quality permit indicates that the facility will emit hazardous pollutants, including fine particulate matter and volatile organic compounds, that pose known health risks — especially to vulnerable populations such as children, seniors, and individuals with respiratory conditions.

Given the proximity of the site to residential neighborhoods, schools, and ecologically sensitive areas, the current review process appears insufficient to fully assess the cumulative and long-term health impacts of these emissions.

Moreover, the lack of a formal Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) or community-specific health risk assessment raises serious concerns about transparency and public accountability. An independent study would help provide the scientific and community-based evidence necessary to make a responsible permitting decision.

I respectfully urge ADEQ to:

- * Require a full third-party Environmental and Health Impact Study
- * Hold a second public hearing after the study is completed
- * Extend the comment period to allow meaningful public participation following the release of that study

Thank you for your time and your role in protecting public health and environmental quality in Arizona.

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