



Stop EtO in Lake County

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The Stop EtO in Lake County grassroots citizens group is organizing a **protest today at Senate President John Cullerton's office to demand a vote on IL House Bill 3888**. The demonstration will be held at **11:00am** at 1726 W. Belmont Ave in Chicago. Concerned IL citizens are demanding that Sen. Cullerton allow a Senate vote on House Bill 3888 which will eliminate dangerous Ethylene Oxide emissions in Lake County and other Illinois communities. Media and the public are invited to attend.

IL House Bill 3888, if passed as written, will require Ethylene Oxide emitting facilities to switch to alternative methods of sterilization or relocate to areas at least five miles from schools and daycare centers. "We are asking Sen. John Cullerton to protect our children from this poisonous gas," said Dr. Syed Karim, a member of Stop EtO in Lake County and a resident of Green Oaks. "**Sen. Cullerton must allow HB3888 out of the Executive Committee to be voted on the Senate floor,**" added Dr. Karim, who testified before the Illinois House of Representatives in support of HB3888.

About Stop EtO in Lake County:

Stop EtO in Lake County is a citizen-led movement. We aim to raise awareness of cancer-causing ethylene oxide (EtO) emissions in Lake County, IL and to **eliminate** EtO from our air. Ethylene Oxide is being emitted into our backyards in alarming amounts by two facilities, Vantage Specialty Chemicals and Medline. This invisible and odorless toxic gas is a scientifically proven class 1A carcinogen and MUTAGEN. The science is indisputable. Lake County children are breathing in a carcinogen and mutagen daily and they face an elevated risk of health problems (with cancer being the worst of many possible diseases). This situation is immoral and completely unacceptable.

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