



CITY OF SWEENY

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Hon. Judge Sebesta and Brazoria County Commissioners
Brazoria County Commissioners Court
237 E. Locust St.
Angleton, Texas 77515

CC: Hon. Mayor Dusty Hopkins and Members of the Sweeny City Council

Dear Judge Sebesta:

On behalf of the City of Sweeny, Texas, I am writing to express Sweeny's opposition to the proposed Charles River Laboratory Facility located just ten (10) miles upstream from Sweeny. The citizens of Sweeny have grave concerns about the possibility of pathogens and other biological matter being released into the San Bernard River or the possible escape of an animal with a contractible disease, and these concerns are warranted, as no information about the facility has been shared with the citizens of Sweeny, an affected stakeholder within the same watershed of the proposed site located at County Road 2.

No plans or details have been shared such as an emergency management plan, biological contaminant plan, waste management plan for the disposal of deceased primates. I learned today that the Sweeny Independent School District, which services students within a 10-mile radius was not informed about the proposed Charles River Laboratory. Without any details or shared information on this project, how can the public be expected to have confidence that site will be safe? In local government, we strive to be transparent to build trust with our residents. No such trust building measures have been made to educate the public on how this facility will respect public safety.

This letter is prepared for the record to express Sweeny's opposition to the proposed Charles River Laboratory – an animal testing facility with little to no available information on safety, disease containment, environmental compliance, or anti-animal cruelty measures.

Sweeny respectfully requests the help of our elected State and County Officials to stop this project from developing.

Sincerely,

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City of Sweeny, Texas