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Dear Mayor Henry,

Perhaps it will not come as a surprise to you that I would like to add my voice to the others in strong opposition to the building of a bio-ethanol refinery near Second Marsh. I have long taken an interest in the Oshawa area. My uncle, Frank McLellan was an important contractor in town since before I was born. My concern about the precious quality of Second Marsh came from my days as a member of the board of directors of the Federation of Ontario Naturalists in the 1960's and 1970's. We did not fight to protect it to have it degraded in the 21st Century.

We all know that wetlands are the fastest disappearing ecosystems on the planet. We have come a long way since the bad old days when we dismissed them as useless wastelands. We are also learning that biofuels are not the environmental panaceas they were thought to be a few years ago.

Please do what you can to stop this industrial intrusion in to this very rare and special piece of our natural environment.

Yours truly,

