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Alderman Hopkins Statement on General Iron

The recent decommissioning of the Planned Manufacturing District resulted in removal of protections that General Iron has long relied upon to operate while having a detrimental impact on the nearby neighborhood. A high capacity metal shredder is no longer a compatible use for this area.

Furthermore, the recent request from EPA Region 5 to General Iron to provide air quality monitoring pursuant to the Clean Air Act reinforces these concerns.

The results of the air quality study conducted by UIC researchers, outlined in tonight's community meeting, are a great start to determining the environmental impact this business is having on the quality of life in the area.

As we move forward, we'll need complete, comprehensive data to paint a clear picture to impacted residents, and for definitive action to be taken.

I will continue working with the EPA, Department of Public Health and residents to get the information we need, and will not stop advocating for the transition of this business to a more appropriate facility.

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