

## Company Statement

Koch Foods has occupied the facility at 4404 W. Berteau Ave in Chicago since 1992. Upon arrival, the surrounding neighborhood was industrial. The housing that was built on the edge of the company's property and those who purchased there did so with the full knowledge that the facility existed. The activity at the facility has been unchanged since its inception. Unfortunately some of the residents had been misled by the developer that the company's property would be redeveloped into residential housing.

This facility serves as one of Koch's portion controlled chicken breast processing facilities, cutting and packaging chicken breasts for a wide variety of food service customers. The company is a good corporate citizen of the City of Chicago, not only providing a large number of jobs, but paying into the Chicago tax base.

The Company has had numerous opportunities to relocate the facility outside the city, however, for economic and personal reasons the decision has been made not to move out of the City of Chicago.

A replacement facility would cost in excess of \$30 million dollars to duplicate at a green field site. Additionally, the owner of the company started his business in Chicago in 1984 and felt it was important to continue to be part of the Chicago business community.

We take our responsibility of coexisting with the neighborhood very seriously. All written complaints are investigated and addressed. The last written complaint the company has received and answered was dated March of 2013. A copy of our response was previously provided.

The company will continue to be a responsible neighbor, addressing realistic concerns that have practical solutions for all parties involved.

The company appreciates the neighborhoods understanding of the difficult circumstances that exist when industrial areas are gentrified, resulting in residential and industrial neighbors within close proximity to one another.