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The Honorable Kathryn I. Bowers Tennessee House of Representatives 87th District Legislative Plaza, Suite 23 Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0187

Dear Representative Bowers:

Thank you very much for meeting with me and Dr. Johnson concerning the possible adverse health effects due, in part, to environmental conditions. The tour and meeting were extremely helpful. More importantly, your hospitality was very generous.

Among the many issues discussed, much attention focused on three (3) concerns: (1) the possibility of reassessing the health assessment recently completed by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), (2) a more detailed analysis of the health conditions of the residents in the Memphis Depot Area and (3) a careful review of the health services resources available and accessible to the residents who live in and around the Memphis Depot community.

The group that met at the Memphis Health Center reflected the type of leadership needed to assure the community partnerships necessary to assess public health matters. I am confident that we can work together to address some of the concerns that were discussed at the meeting. Thank you for a copy of the letter sent to Dr. Barry Johnson, I am sure an immediate response is forthcoming.

Sincerely,

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