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The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President,

On behalf of the Alachua County Commission, I am writing to respectfully request your assistance in prompting federal action to resolve local concerns as a result of the Cabots/Koppers Superfund site located in Gainesville Florida.

For approximately thirty years (yes, 30 years!) the individuals and families living near this facility have been waiting for a corrective solution from the federal government to clean up this toxic area. Consequently, the wait has allowed a toxic plume to move closer to a significant wellfield area, increasing the threat to our municipal water supply.

Recently, EPA issued its much anticipated Record of Decision (ROD) detailing the plan to clean up the superfund site. Both the Alachua County and City of Gainesville Commissions believed the plan was inadequate, especially when EPA's mission is to protect the safety and well being of the citizens of the United States. Because we apparently have no more input into the plan for cleaning up the site, we seek your assistance in helping the people in the homes surrounding the Kopper's plant. At this point EPA has yet to determine its ultimate solution for this area. As you can imagine, the psychological and emotional burden placed upon them as a result of not knowing how their lives have been and will be impacted by the potential exposure to dioxin, is unfathomable. We need your assistance and your influence in expediting:

- the delineation of the offsite dioxin contamination surrounding the superfund site, including the extent of soil and indoor dust contamination in all potentially affected properties;
- immediate action to provide temporary and permanent relocation of affected residents; and
- analysis by the CDC of the field data to determine and resolve the uncertainties of potential health effects as a result of exposure to dioxin in the area.

Mr. President, I cannot even imagine the number of overwhelming issues you must consider daily, but this environmental threat merits your consideration. The people affected by this

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superfund site are your people and they currently feel let down by their government as a result of the EPA's ROD. Please help restore their faith in their elected officials.

Thank you for your service.

Respectfully,



Lee Pinkoson, Chair  
Alachua County Commission

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cc. Lisa Jackson, USEPA Administrator  
Dr. Thomas Frieden, Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
Herschel Vinyard, FDEP Secretary  
Dr. Harry Farmer, Florida Surgeon General  
Senator Bill Nelson  
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