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Region IV Office  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

**RE: Request for Technical Assistance Grant by Protect Gainesville's Citizens, Inc., for Cabot/Koppers Superfund (#37) Site, Gainesville, Florida**

Together with the Protect Gainesville Citizens, Inc., in Gainesville, Florida, I share a grave concern regarding the ongoing problem created by the 140-acre Cabot-Koppers superfund site. The Koppers industrial facility, used to treat utility poles, has created toxic ground contamination through the use of various chemicals, including arsenic, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and creosote compounds.

According to the EPA as far back as 1979, the site presented toxic waste and has been included on the EPA's National Priorities List since 1984. The citizens of Gainesville have a valid concern that the site contaminants will seep into nearby city wells, endangering their health and well-being. Any resulting health problems would also result in a loss of land values in the area. Our valuable Florida aquifer stands to suffer as a result of this contamination.

As the U.S. Representative for the Sixth District of Florida, the protection of my constituents and Florida's aquifer are of greatest concern to me. I, therefore, encourage you to give urgent consideration to awarding the Technical Assistance Grant (TAG) for the immediate remediation of the Cabot-Koppers site.

Sincerely,

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United States Representative

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