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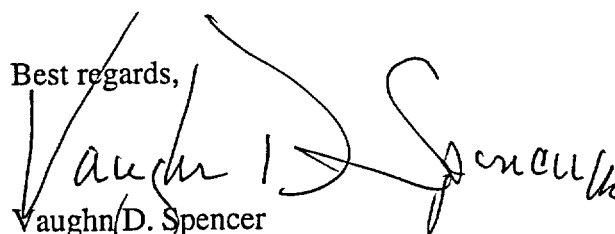
Dear Mr. Smith and Mr. Moore:

Residents from the Reading Gray Iron and American Chain and Cable area, current and past, are extremely concerned about the radioactive contamination present at these sites. Although the information gained through site testing was shared with these residents, misconceptions and conflicts are still present.

It seems that the information provided by City Officials conflicts with the information residents glean from reading the reports provided. City Officials tell residents that the radioactive material does not present any threat to the people residing in this neighborhood in its current state; however, residents still believe that this radioactive material has caused some serious health problems. This issue has been before Council for well over a year. We believe that the only way to set the record straight, once and for all, is to hold a public hearing for residents with members of the EPA, DEP and ATSDR present. In this setting residents could have their questions answered directly by environmental professionals, ending second hand information, dispelling rumors, and ending misconceptions.

We are scheduling the hearing for Thursday, January 30th at 6:00 p.m. Please let us know if you, or someone from your organization, would be willing to participate at the hearing. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards,


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