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"March 29, 2006

Thank you for your communication regarding the recent activities of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at the former Helena Chemical Company Superfund site in Mission. As you may know, in 2004, I toured the neighborhood with Mission residents and learned of their long-term struggle. Neighborhood families have experienced a variety of serious health effects, as well as diminished property values.

Since then, I have been aggressively pursuing the EPA to re-open the Mission case, which it had previously treated as closed. After 20 years of inexcusable inaction, Mission is no longer a forgotten Superfund site.

The EPA's modest step in erecting a fence to keep children from playing on the toxic site does not address the health of the neighborhood residents. I continue to press for an assessment of health effects and to ensure the clean-up is consistent with the residential character of the neighborhood.

Here in Washington, I continue to support efforts to increase funding for the Environmental Justice and Superfund programs in order to ensure adequate funding to protect our health. I am deeply concerned about the people who are currently suffering and the many children who are still at risk. I will continue to support neighborhood families in their efforts to seek assistance for their ongoing health and economic needs. I remain hopeful that, working together, we can make some progress, but it is a great challenge to secure even limited justice from this Administration which is so indifferent to both poor people and environmental health concerns.

I would appreciate your thoughts on this or any other issues that may be considered in Congress. Please take a moment to visit my website at [www.house.gov/doggett](http://www.house.gov/doggett) where you can complete a survey online.

Also, to better ensure that your priorities are my priorities, it is important that I hear from you and that you have the opportunity to receive updates about developments in Washington. Toward this end, I have started "Lloyd's List." By filling out my "Lloyd's List" webform at [www.house.gov/doggett/subscribe.htm](http://www.house.gov/doggett/subscribe.htm), you can choose to receive periodic updates regarding issues that concern you. By signing up for "Lloyd's List," you are authorizing me to send regular e-mail updates from my office to your e-mail account. Help me work for you by signing up today.

In the meantime, I look forward to hearing from you whether to help with a federal problem, provide information on legislative matters, or receive your good counsel.

Sincerely,  
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