

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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The Honorable Julián Castro
Secretary
Department of Housing and Urban Affairs
451 7th Street, S.W.
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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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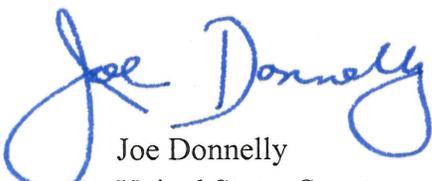
Dear Secretary Castro and Administrator McCarthy:

Thank you to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for your response and action thus far to address the dangerous levels of lead in the soil of the West Calumet Housing Complex in East Chicago, Indiana. Located within the USS Lead Superfund Site, this housing complex has unsafe levels of lead in the surrounding soil, which threaten the health of all who live there, particularly the growth and development of the children in the community.

We know you have been in frequent contact with Mayor Copeland and we share his continued concern for the health and safety of the hundreds of families who live in the complex, and are writing to request EPA and HUD to devote all appropriate time and attention to working with the city of East Chicago to enact a solution that will promptly protect the individuals living in the West Calumet Complex.

We appreciate your careful review of this matter that impacts the lives of many Hoosiers. As EPA and HUD continue to work with Mayor Copeland's office, our offices are happy to be helpful in the process and will appreciate regular updates on progress.

Sincerely,


Joe Donnelly
United States Senator


Pete Visclosky
United States Representative