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September 19, 2013



Debbie Raphael, Director
Department of Toxics Substances Control (DTSC)
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814-2828

RE: Exide Lead Battery Recycling Facility in Vernon, CA

Dear Ms. Raphael:

As you know, I have been very concerned with the harmful levels of toxic pollution in my district, including lead and arsenic releases from the Exide facility in Vernon. While I appreciate the effort your agency is making to resolve these issues and to keep our office informed, unfortunately, new information this week regarding violations of lead levels at the facility require a further and immediate review of the situation.

Toward that end, **I am organizing a community Town Hall meeting in my district on Tuesday, October 8 at Resurrection Catholic Church** (3324 East Opal Street, Los Angeles, CA 90023) **from 6:00pm to 8:00pm**. The goal of the town hall meeting is to help provide greater transparency, understanding, and information about the regulatory actions related to Exide.

I am writing to request your participation at the Town Hall meeting, as it is critical that DTSC present the latest updates on the status of the compliance, permitting and enforcement activities related to Exide directly to the affected residents. In addition to your agency, I am also requesting participation from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

Additionally, while I understand DTSC's order to temporarily shut down the facility was overturned by the court, in light of the recent reports of continued toxic emissions violations and a motion by the presiding judge to reconsider the injunction, I write to urge you to renew your request to temporarily shut down the facility until the issues are fully rectified.

Director Debbie Raphael – *Exide Lead Battery Recycling Facility*

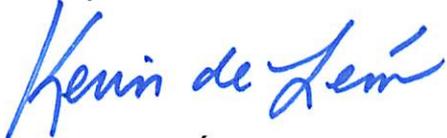
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My constituents need assurances that emissions and toxic release levels are safe. Every night that goes by when they lack these assurances is one night too many.

I look forward to your immediate reply. To confirm your participation at the Town Hall, please contact my staff, Nidia Bautista, at nidia.bautista@sen.ca.gov or by phone (916) 651-4022.

Sincerely,



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