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RE: Exide Lead Battery Recycling Facility in Vernon, CA

Dear Mr. Caruso:

I am writing to you regarding the Exide lead battery recycling facility located in my California State Senate District at 2700 S. Indiana Street, Vernon, California. As you are undoubtedly aware, the toxic emissions from this facility are of very serious concern to local residents. The pollution issues have been particularly distressful this year with air monitoring results which have found very harmful levels of arsenic and lead emissions, as well as issues with the stormwater piping system.

As our community works with our local, state and federal regulators to resolve these issues, I also urge you, as the head of the company, to ensure Exide works aggressively to rectify the situation and operate as a good neighbor. Every night that goes by when a parent isn't assured that the emissions levels are safe is one night too many.

In addition to taking all necessary steps to install all needed retrofits to reduce harmful emissions from operations, it is also imperative that Exide commit to the necessary financial assurances for any required cleanup. While I understand that some of your efforts may be complicated by the company's decision to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, it has also come to my attention that just this week the company's request to pay out more than \$16 million in employee bonuses was approved by the bankruptcy court. Our community expects that an adequate level of financial assurance for both reducing emissions in operations and for necessary cleanup will be similarly advocated for by the company and subsequently approved by the court.

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When a similar facility, Quemetco, Inc., just 15 miles away in the City of Industry, has demonstrated it can make the necessary investment to reduce emissions, we expect nothing less from Exide Technologies.

I look forward to your immediate reply.

Sincerely,



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