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The Honorable Amo Houghton U. S. House of Representatives 1111 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515-3229 The Honorable Amo Houghton U. S. House of Representatives 32 Denison Parkway West Corning, NY 14830

Dear Congressman Houghton:

It is with mixed emotions that we at the West Valley Citizen Task Force react to your coming retirement from Congress. We know that our particular issue, the decontamination and decommissioning of the West Valley Nuclear site was only one of many serious issues that you have had to deal with. Be we also know and appreciate how much time you put into understanding this complex issue and how much you tried and did, help.

We would like to collectively say thanks. Thanks for your interest, thanks for your time and thanks for a job well done. Enjoy your retirement. You will be missed!

As a final request, it would be a great service to this group if the information and knowledge that you and your staff have amassed over the years relative to the West Valley site, could be organized and transferred to your successor.

Sincerely,

Timothy Siepel, M.D. On Behalf of the

West Valley Citizen Task Force

cc: T. J. Jackson, DOE Acting Manager
Paul Piciulo, NYSERDA West Valley Site Management Program Director