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Dear Mr. Schade, Mr. Wochensky, Ms. D'Arrigo, and Ms. Rabe:

Please accept our apologies for not writing sooner. As you know, the West Valley Citizen Task Force (WVCTF) is a volunteer group with no officers. We appreciate your concerns, and those of the other groups who have signed on to the various communications you have sent regarding the draft legislation, and thank all of you for all the time and effort you have put into formulating your responses. We also thank you for the time and effort expended to offer an information session on Saturday the 19th of March. Several members expressed regret that they could not attend and are looking forward to hearing your comments at a future WVCTF meeting.

As you may already know, in future Task Force meetings we plan to accommodate groups such as yours by offering an opportunity for presentations on topics related to our work. Groups that are on our mailing list have received information about the procedure for requesting time to make a presentation. In brief, requests should be made through Melinda Holland (the Task Force Facilitator), who will consult the groups in making decisions about presentations.

In our shared desire to do the right thing for the people of West Valley, and indeed for the entire Western New York and southern Ontario region, we hope to work more closely in the future toward our mutual goal of a safe and healthy environment. We have recently set up a website, www.westvalleyetf.org, to keep the public informed about activities at the site. We hope you will take advantage of this simple way to access information and documents in which you may have an interest.

Thank you for your participation in the democratic process. We look forward to continued interactions with you and your organization.

Sincerely,

Lee Lambert

On Behalf of the WVCTF

cc:

U.S. Senator Charles Schumer

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U.S. Senator Hillary R. Clinton

U.S. Representative John R. Kuhl, Jr.

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