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June 22, 1993

The Honorable William J. Clinton
President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are, as you can see, a broad coalition of elected officials, appointed officials, and other concerned citizens from Southeastern Massachusetts. We represent a broad range of views on many subjects, and we have widely differing public and private responsibilities. But we are very united on one important, pending federal issue -- we oppose the decision of the Environmental Protection Agency to incinerate PCBs in the City of New Bedford.

This is a decision which your administration inherited from your predecessor. While many of us expressed our opposition to this decision last year, the Bush Administration did not heed our concerns. When you came into office, we hoped that we would receive a new hearing, and that the incineration plan would be cancelled, to be replaced by a safer method of getting rid of the PCBs.

Unfortunately, especially in the absence of a new Regional Administrator of EPA, we have been unable to persuade the EPA under Ms. Browner to reconsider. This disappointed us, especially in light of the forceful, well-reasoned criticism of incineration which members of your administration have made, led by Vice President Gore. If incineration is a problem, then incinerating a substance as harmful of PCBs must be an example of those dangers in a severe form.

Moreover, the area in which the incineration is to take place is an urban neighborhood, in which many people of moderate income are living -- conjuring up the concern that once again the people at the lower end of the economic ladder will be given unfair environmental treatment.

If there were no alternative to incineration, our case would be weaker. But those in the area who have studied the problem closely believe strongly that a process developed by Eco-Logic, which has already been tested in Canada and Michigan, and which

is, we are told, approved by the EPA regional office in Michigan, offers a more efficient and safer way to dispose of PCBs.

We therefore urgently ask that you instruct the EPA to cancel the plan to incinerate the PCBs and to proceed immediately to draw up an alternative disposition plan.

As noted, many of us are convinced that the Eco-Logic process best meets our collective needs, and to date EPA has not explained to us why they do not agree. We are ready to work with the EPA in explaining why many of us are strongly supportive of Eco-Logic, and to help draw up an alternative plan which eliminates the PCBs without raising the very considerable fears that an incineration plan involves.

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