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The Honorable Albert Gore
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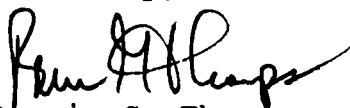
Dear Mr. Vice President:

The environmental disaster in Socorro, New Mexico is of great concern to me. Over 200 people from Socorro have signed petitions and engaged in other means of protest regarding this toxic waste problem. These petitions have been delivered to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator, Ms. Carol Browner. As a result of protesting the government's response to this disaster, an innocent person has been hurt and there also has been a shooting into a mobile home.

The citizens of Socorro have contacted the Governor of New Mexico, the Mayor of Socorro, and the EPA Regional Administrator in Dallas regarding these incidents and the existing toxic waste problems. In addition, many citizens of Socorro are concerned about efforts to repair the damage caused by the environmental disaster. For example, there is concern that contractors who are working with the EPA to repair the toxic waste problem have not acted in good faith.

Because of your great interest in environmental issues, I urge you to request that the EPA investigate this matter to ensure that the people of Socorro receive a full and complete recovery from this disaster.

Sincerely,



Bennie G. Thompson
Member of Congress