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Dear Mr. Dickerson:

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the removal of PCBs and other hazardous materials from the Acushnet River and New Bedford Harbor. I am hopeful that the pollutants will be removed from the waterways and transported to an appropriate, established, hazardous waste dump site. I realize this will be expensive, but other alternatives seem temporary and ineffective over the long term.

There has been talk of storing the hazardous waste in containers that will remain in the waterways. These, we are told, will leak in time. I do not consider this a successful solution at all. I am not alone in my concern for future generations who will one day have to deal with the problem all over again. The only solution that I will adamantly support is one that resolves the problem now and permanently, so that we in the Greater New Bedford Community can one day have clean waterways again, waterways in which fish can flourish and children can safely swim.

Whatever the expense of clean-up now, it will be money well invested. New Bedford was once the most profitable harbor in the United States. It has the potential to flourish again. If clean-up is done incompletely, the expense will be even more exorbitant for future generations. Please think of the health and future of the people of the Greater New Bedford Community. Please oversee this clean-up as if it were in your own backyard. Please imagine New Bedford's future as if it would affect the future of your grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Marges
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