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Congress of the United States
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Dear Friend:

Knowing of your concerns about the cancer cluster reported in South Patrick Shores and possible toxic dumping in the area, I want to update you on the final findings of the federal agencies involved in the case.

Earlier this month, the U.S. Public Health Service released a final report which found no evidence of toxic dumping in the area and concluded that FAA radars at Patrick Air Force Base posed no health hazards. This report provides strong assurances to the residents of South Patrick Shores that they are not threatened by environmental hazards and that their neighborhood is as safe as any in Brevard County.

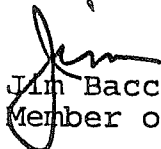
However, we have all learned valuable lessons from these investigations. Our community was able to come together, share information, and bring federal and state agencies to the neighborhood to answer all questions raised by residents. We also learned that we must remain vigilant about the problem of toxic waste and ensure that our federal and state laws provide for what is necessary to clean-up existing toxic waste sites and prevent future ones from being created.

Copies of the final U.S. Public Health Service report on South Patrick Shores can be reviewed at the Satellite Beach Public Library and in my District Office, 854 Dixon Boulevard, in Cocoa.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on these or other matters of concern to you.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,


Jim Bacchus
Member of Congress

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