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April 12, 2023

Meg McCollister  
Regional Administrator for Region 7  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Dear Administrator McCollister:

I write to you to request that the EPA Region 7 office conduct an official investigation into the toxic fumes and odor that have been impacting the southern portion of the City of St. Louis. My office has heard numerous concerns from residents in the Mt. Pleasant, McKinley Heights, Gravois Park, Marine Villa, Benton Park, Lafayette Square, and Souldard neighborhoods.

The odors have severely and negatively affected the quality of life for residents in the First District. Community members have described the odor as “acrid, burning iPhones, an electrical fire, burning herbicides, and metallic.” These fumes have persisted in the neighborhoods stated above for years and residents often feel they cannot venture outside of their homes as the fumes are so debilitating. I am concerned that these odors could be causing grave physical harm, as numerous constituents have expressed concerns that they believe the air is leading to adverse health outcomes for them and their families.

For these reasons, I am requesting that the Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 conduct an investigation into these fumes and act with the requisite expediency that this situation merits. Please provide a response back by Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Thank you for your time, partnership, and consideration as we work together to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our St. Louis community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cori Bush".

CORI BUSH  
Member of Congress