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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

My name is Vickie Travis and I have been helping a group of people that have become very ill from working on the former NASA Industrial Facility, located at 12214 Lakewood Blvd., Downey, California, currently renamed, Downey Studios, Downey Landing and Kaiser Permanente Downey.

Your office has already received from some of the ill people releases to look into this matter. However, your office has not done anything about the problem. I also am aware that your office requested a statement from Gail Shephard regarding the matter and requested that it be faxed directly to you and no one else. I am also aware that this document was faxed to you and I have also have a copy of it.

While waiting for you to help these people I called your office again, asking about getting some help to at least test these people. Your office advised me a couple of weeks ago to find the money in the bonds, or budget to help these people and then call them back. Well, I did.

I called you back this morning and no one could even take my phone number.

In 2006 SB 1370 (Chapter 599, Statutes of 2006) established the California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program. This is a program that the Cal EPA and Department of Public Health accepted a few million dollars from the State to set up a program to test for toxins in the people's blood.

Unfortunately, they took the money but never set up the program.

I know this because I made a FOIA request under California Law for the information on this program that should be helping these people. Unfortunately no government agency that is supposed to be involved is aware of it.

Well, yesterday, a Dr. Hooper, a man in charge of the lab for Toxic Substances called me. The telephone caller ID said that his phone number is - 1-510-540-3499.

Dr. Hooper told me that they never had done any testing, nor had they ever set up the program that he is aware of.

Dr. Hooper also asked me to ask you, Governor Schwarzenegger to telephone Dr. Bruce Labelle, the Head of the Department, and authorize him to conduct the testing of these people to learn what toxins are in their blood.

Please let me know if you can't find Dr. Bruce Labelle in the State phone book. I will find his office phone number for you if you really need help with that. It isn't a problem for me to have you ask if you really need that help.

In the meantime, this letter, the FOIA request, (copy attached to this fax) and background on this property will be sent out to few people so the story doesn't get buried.

The bottom line is, the agency took the money, never set up the program as proscribed by law, and appears to have no accounting of what happened to the money.

I am sure that you will want to look into this frivolous spending pattern that Cal EPA and Department of Public Health appear to have going on.

Sincerely,

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