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Director Butler:

I write to request a full inquiry into the testing conducted, evaluations performed, and handling of results regarding the Arco Recycling, Inc. located on Noble Road in East Cleveland.

As I stated in a letter dated October 26, 2015, many residents living near the site expressed serious concerns for their health and safety at the time of the facility's opening. My October letter also stated that, while Ohio EPA found no positive asbestos results at the time, I was concerned the Arco site did in fact pose additional health and safety risks to nearby residents that could not be adequately reflected in an environmental report. It appears I may have been correct. Just this week, Ohio EPA ordered the shutdown of the facility for failure to operate an actual recycling facility and in fact operating what amounts to an open dump.

I understand this week's violation notice and orders were related to failure to comply with operation orders and not due necessarily to the air quality testing raised in my 2015 letter. The recently alleged violations run contrary to Ohio EPA's earlier findings and warrant a full inquiry into the Noble Road facility.

The residents deserve full knowledge from, and protection of, the Ohio EPA. I look forward to your prompt response and complete findings.

Sincerely,



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