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Washington, DC 20515

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VIA ELECTRONIC DELIVERY

The Honorable Emily W. Murphy
Administrator
General Services Administration
1800 F Street, NW
Washington, DC 20405

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., SW
Washington, DC 20250

The Honorable Andrew Saul
Commissioner
Social Security Administration
6401 Security Blvd
Woodlawn, MD 21207

Dear Administrator Murphy, Secretary Perdue, and Commissioner Saul:

We write regarding longstanding health and safety concerns at the Goodfellow Federal Complex in St. Louis, Missouri. Our offices have been approached by several constituents who allege dangerous health risks associated with working at the complex, where the General Services Administration (GSA) itself has identified the presence of numerous hazardous substances. As we work to address the current COVID-19 public health emergency we recognize that protecting the health and safety of workers is more important than ever.

It is our understanding that in 2019, GSA recommended that all agencies occupying the Goodfellow facility be relocated. Accordingly, the Department of Veterans Affairs, which previously employed workers at the site, has moved its employees elsewhere. The remaining workers in the Goodfellow facility are U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Social Security Administration (SSA) employees who continue to be concerned for their health. We appreciate the efforts you have been making to secure a new location and hope that you will work as expeditiously as possible to finalize those arrangements in order for employees to move.

We respectfully request an update regarding the status of the relocation as well as GSA, USDA and SSA plans for workers who are still at the Goodfellow Federal Complex. In addition, we request information regarding GSA's efforts to work with local employees who believe long-term exposure to materials at the complex may have left them at risk for other health conditions.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter and look forward to your prompt response.

Sincere regards,



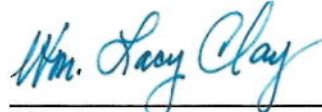
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