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Mr. Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
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Washington, DC 20460

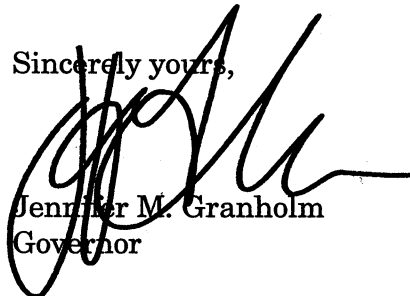
Dear Mr. Johnson:

As you know, the State of Michigan is currently engaged in a process with the Dow Chemical Company to develop a comprehensive cleanup plan to address historic dioxin contamination in the Midland, Saginaw, and Bay City area. While this process is being led by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), we are committed to an open and collaborative process with our partners at the U.S. EPA.

We have reached a point in the process where we are looking to move into the next phase of review and discussions that will make sure we arrive at an agreement on a final cleanup remedy as expeditiously as possible. I have asked Lt. Governor John Cherry to oversee this effort and to chair periodic discussions between the MDEQ and Dow. I would like to invite our partners at U.S. EPA Headquarters and Region 5 to participate in these discussions to ensure we arrive at an agreement that is in all of our best interests.

I look forward to your agency's assistance in helping to make this cleanup project a success.

Sincerely yours,



Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor

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- Mr. Steven Chester, Director, MDEQ
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