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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.
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Dear Senator McConnell,

We, as representatives of the Kentucky Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission and the Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board, would like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation for your years of dedication and commitment to ensuring the chemical weapons stored here in Kentucky are destroyed in the safest and most expeditious manner possible.

For over two decades, through the toughest of times and the myriad of challenging aspects of this program, you have stood strong with the community and the region in protecting the well being of its residents and its environment.

Additionally, it is clear to us that your persistence in maintaining the funding necessary to continue executing the mission of disposing of these horrific weapons was and remains indispensable to the effort.

The litany of accomplishments achieved in concert with the community is far too extensive to list here, but know that from legislation to public and official presentations both in Washington and here at home your engagement and solidarity with us is recognized and appreciated by the Commission and Board.

Finally we are beginning to believe that this critical undertaking has the momentum needed to carry it to completion – although, as you know first-hand, continued vigilance and commitment will still be necessary to see it through. We know we can count on you to continue making this a priority in the best interests of the Commonwealth and believe that together we can achieve our goal.

Your visit to the construction site recently was yet another sign of your commitment and reinforces the priority given this in the eyes of those living in the shadow of these weapons of mass destruction. We welcome continued visits by you and your staff anytime to highlight the importance of this mission to us and to the broader population.

Again, thank you for your perseverance in this effort. If there is anything we can do to assist in moving forward please let us know.

Sincerely,

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