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Footnote: Mr. Stipich is currently a member of the County Board of Health, and a City Councilman; former mayor.

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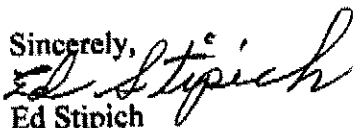
Scott Brown
EPA
Federal Building
10 West 15th Street
Helena, MT 59626

Dear Scott,

Since its inception I have been involved in the East Helena Superfund Clean-up. Back then I was mayor of East Helena and I have always had the health and well-being of our citizens at heart. I have not always agreed with the EPA's politics and methods during the clean-up, but after all these years I do agree that it is time to bring the clean-up to an end. As experts have repeatedly stated, it has been a success. Blood lead level studies show that children in the East Helena area have lower blood lead levels than the national average. ASARCO is closed now, and there are no longer any concerns about toxic emission. Yards have been replaced. Is the county willing to replace yards again, when expert doctors from the EPA have asserted this action would not improve blood lead levels in our children and at what cost?

I say, enough is enough. The City of East Helena has been in financial and economic limbo without the ability to expand, attract new business, and enlarge our tax base. It is time to bring closure to the clean-up, so we can move forward, allow economic development and ease the tax burden on our citizens.

Sincerely,



Ed Stipich
Councilman

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