

From: [Furey, Eileen](#)
To: [Title VI Complaints](#)
Subject: E-mail asserting Title VI complaint
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 3:21:54 PM
Attachments: [25-05590-AO-EX Correspondence Unknown U.pdf](#)

Please find, attached, correspondence from (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy asserting a civil rights complaint under Title VI on the basis of discrimination against people with disabilities. This complaint was incorrectly controlled to the Region 5 Air and Radiation Division.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Eileen Furey

Eileen L. Furey
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From EPAExecSec EPAExecSec@epa.gov
Sent on Thursday, July 31, 2025 4:34:14 PM
To Quill Quill@epa.gov
Subject FW: Environmental Justice Complaint Mold, Gas Leaks, and Housing Conditions Leading to Fatalities in Markham, IL

Original Message

From (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy
Sent Tuesday, July 29, 2025 9:48 PM
To Zeldin, Lee Zeldin.Lee@epa.gov
Subject Environmental Justice Complaint Mold, Gas Leaks, and Housing Conditions Leading to Fatalities in Markham, IL

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Dear Administrator Zeldin,

My name is (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy and I am writing to you as a whistleblower, advocate, and family member of the late (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy, a disabled tenant who tragically passed away on March 15, 2025, after prolonged exposure to environmental hazards in her HUD-affiliated housing in Markham, Illinois.

This email serves as an urgent environmental justice complaint regarding the unsafe and life-threatening housing conditions at properties owned and managed by (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy of United Network, Inc. These units, still occupied by my cousin (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy and her 7-year-old daughter, have long been plagued by untreated mold, gas leaks, chronic water intrusion, rotting infrastructure, and dangerously neglected HVAC systems. Prior tenants reportedly died under similar circumstances in these units, and our repeated reports to HUD and local officials have gone ignored or silenced.

My aunt's cancer was under control until her heart doctor removed her cancer medication without consulting her oncology team, a move that coincided with her increased respiratory issues, COPD symptoms, and untreated sepsis after hospitalization. According to my cousin, (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy, this decline aligned with continuous exposure to black mold, gas leaks, poor ventilation, and freezing drafts—environmental stressors that worsened her immune condition and ultimately took her life.

The EPA's own commitment to Environmental Justice under Executive Order 12898, reinforced by President Trump's 2025 Executive Orders on restoring accountability and protecting the most vulnerable, demands urgent federal intervention. This is no longer just a housing issue—it is a matter of public health, civil rights, and interagency negligence.

We are requesting the following:

1. Immediate EPA inspection and environmental testing of the properties under United Network, Inc., particularly those associated with (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy and (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy.
2. Federal enforcement actions against the landlord for exposing tenants to environmental hazards, contributing to death and long-term health risks.
3. EPA coordination with HUD, HHS, and DOJ under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act and relevant ADA regulations to address systemic failure to protect disabled tenants in federally assisted housing.
4. Full federal oversight and accountability for city and state-level failures to act on multiple warnings, complaints, and fatalities.

I am attaching detailed documentation, including photographs, health records, witness statements, and ongoing threats faced by my cousin for speaking out.

Please confirm receipt of this complaint and inform us of the next steps. This is a life and death matter for families like ours, and we will not allow another child or disabled adult to die in silence.

Sincerely,

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

Federal Whistleblower | Advocate | Family Representative

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy Valparaiso, IN 4638 (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy



From: [Garcia, Bianca](#)
To: [Harrison, Brenda](#); [Stein, Jonathan](#)
Cc: [Glenn, V"Hesspa](#)
Subject: FW: Amended Complaint – Environmental Justice and Civil Rights Violations (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy Case, Markham, IL)
Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 9:52:00 AM
Attachments: [IMG_7891.PNG](#)
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[EPA Complaint](#) (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

Good morning Ms. Brenda,

Please add the amended complaint and supplemental images for EPA No. 08X-25-R5 to the case file. Thanks.

Bianca Garcia
Program Analyst | Office of External Civil Rights Compliance (OECRC)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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From: (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy
Sent: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 10:43 AM
To: Garcia, Bianca <Garcia.Bianca@epa.gov>; Zeldin, Lee <Zeldin.Lee@epa.gov>; R5Hotline <r5hotline@epa.gov>; pam.bondi@usdoj.gov; pamela.bondi@usdoj.gov
Subject: Amended Complaint – Environmental Justice and Civil Rights Violations (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy Case, Markham, IL)

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Dear Ms. Garcia,

I pray this message finds you well. Per our prior communication, I am submitting this **amended environmental justice and civil rights complaint** regarding the tragic circumstances that led to the death of my aunt, (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy and the ongoing exposure of her disabled daughter, (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy to life-threatening environmental hazards in federally subsidized housing in **Markham, Illinois**.

This complaint is submitted under:

- **Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964**
- **Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973**

- **Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice**
- **Applicable HUD and EPA enforcement guidance**

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy was a disabled African American woman on oxygen and active cancer treatment. She resided at (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy **Markham, IL**, a Section 8 unit managed by (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy **(United Network, Inc.)**. Despite repeated reports of **black mold, gas leaks, air duct contamination, flooding, and HVAC failure**, no effective remediation occurred. These conditions directly exacerbated her lung cancer, COPD, heart failure, and severe anemia. She passed away shortly after returning home from hospice on **March 15, 2025**.

Her daughter, (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy also disabled and the legal Section 8 voucher holder, remains in the unit with no environmental corrections or protections in place. Her life is now at risk.

Attached is a formal PDF complaint, which outlines the:

- Environmental violations
- Medical evidence linking these conditions to (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy death
- Ongoing exposure of disabled tenants
- Requests for EPA investigation, inspection, and federal enforcement

I am requesting that this complaint be formally entered into the record and escalated to the appropriate internal divisions, including **OECRC, HUD, DOJ Civil Rights**, and any relevant environmental testing or enforcement teams under your purview.

Please confirm receipt and advise on next steps or additional documentation needed. All supporting medical records, photos, and witness statements are available upon request.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to protecting vulnerable communities.

Sincerely,

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

Whistleblower & Family Representative

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy Valparaiso, IN 46383

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Can you confirm when email is received please. I appreciate you taking your time.

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EPA Environmental Justice Complaint: Case

Submitted by:

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

Valparaiso, IN 46383

Phone: (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

Email: (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

Primary Victim:

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

Address at time of death: (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy Markham, IL 60428

Other Household Members:

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy (Disabled daughter, Section 8 recipient)

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy (Daughter and live-in support)

This formal complaint is being submitted to the EPA under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Executive Order 12898 regarding Environmental Justice.

(b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy a disabled African-American woman, resided at (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy in Markham, IL, a Section 8 property managed by (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy and United Network, Inc. Despite numerous complaints to the landlord and local agencies, (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy was continuously exposed to environmental hazards such as black mold, gas leaks, drafty and uninsulated rooms, and contaminated air ducts. These conditions exacerbated her chronic lung disease (EGFR+ lung cancer), COPD, and congestive heart failure.

Recent hospital and hospice records confirm that (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy oxygen dependence, infections, and decline were significantly worsened by her home environment. After discharge, she died on March 15, 2025. Her daughter, (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy continues to live in the same property with a disability, under threat and exposure to similar conditions.

Alleged Violations: Failure to maintain safe air quality and prevent exposure to mold, violating the Clean Air Act and EPA guidelines. Neglect of known hazards, including gas leaks and ventilation issues, reported by the family repeatedly. Discrimination against a disabled Section 8 tenant by ignoring accommodation requests and creating hostile housing conditions. Failure of coordination between HUD, city housing inspectors, and the landlord, resulting in preventable death. Violation of Executive Order 12898 and Title VI protections by allowing disproportionate exposure to environmental harm in a Black, disabled household. **Requested Actions:** Immediate EPA inspection of (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy Markham, IL and surrounding properties managed by United Network, Inc. Joint enforcement action in coordination with HUD, HHS, and DOJ Civil Rights Division. Environmental Justice designation for the (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy household under EPA guidance and reparative action for surviving family. Federal investigation into landlord (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy for civil rights and environmental violations.

Medical records from Cook County Health (including inpatient and oncology reports from March 1 to March 12, 2025) confirm the health deterioration was environmentally exacerbated. These records are available upon request or can be provided directly.

I, (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and submit this complaint for immediate federal review and enforcement by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Signed: (b)(6) Privacy, (b)(7)(C) Enf. Privacy

Date: September 03, 2025



