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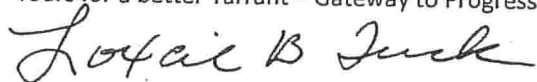
Dear Citizens of Tarrant:

Over the past decade, no organization has accomplished more to help improve the quality of life of Tarrant residents and businesses than your City government and employees. No individual or entity cares more for the health and well-being of our citizens than the men and women who serve our City. From the Greenway trail initiative to the flood mitigation project, from the Vulcan Rivet & Bolt clean up to the historic downtown renovations, the City's efforts and accomplishments have earned awards and recognition throughout the state. We are committed to making Tarrant a cleaner, healthier, better place to live, to work, to play and to build a lasting future.

While we are very proud of our accomplishments, we fully recognize that there is always more work to be done – and, we support all sincere efforts designed to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Tarrant. However, we must respectfully disagree with the tactics currently being employed that are needlessly causing concern among our City's residents about their health and safety, their property values, their homes and the futures of their families. As you may be aware, recently, the EPA decided to further investigate a portion of our community in response to a petition that the EPA received from members of an interest group, a group targeting our local ABC Coke facility. Even though the Jefferson County Board of Health has certified our City's air quality as "good", and even though all businesses operating within the City of Tarrant have been deemed by the Health Department to be in full compliance with all existing environmental rules and regulations, this promotes an agenda that, in our view, is unnecessary and unjustified.

We all want a better life for our citizens and our community, and your City government and its employees are committed to continuing our efforts to keep our environment clean and healthy. In fact, there are several new initiatives in various stages of development that will provide additional environmental improvement for our City. We welcome the support and involvement of all entities who want to responsibly help us reach our goals for a better Tarrant. But, we respectfully disagree with those who feel more reckless and potentially economically damaging efforts are required – and we hope that in the best interests of our citizens that they will reconsider their actions. If you should have any questions regarding this EPA issue, please contact Jennifer L. Wendel, Remedial Project Manager with the EPA, at (404) 562-8799.

Yours for a better Tarrant – Gateway to Progress!



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