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RE: *United States and Massachusetts v. AVX Corporation*, D.J. Ref. No. 90-11-2-32/2

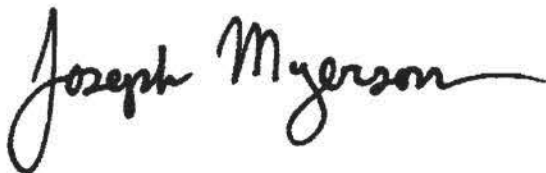
Dear Asst. Attorney General,

As one who has enjoyed living near the beautiful, shallow waters of Buzzards Bay, Massachusetts, for more than 60 years, I have watched fish and shellfish stocks decline, algae blooms and chemical pollutants discolor the water and periodic oil spills despoil the shoreline—all of this in spite of the bay's status as a federally protected estuary.

One of the worst cases of chemical pollution in the bay has been the toxic residue of PCBs left in New Bedford Harbor through the activities of AVX Corporation. The EPA has recently announced a \$366 million settlement with the polluter, which is supposed to cover the cost of cleaning up the harbor. However, terms of the settlement as now written make it impossible for concerned communities to determine if this amount of money is sufficient to undo years of pollution by AVX.

As the owner of property near the shoreline of Buzzards Bay, I want New Bedford Harbor cleaned to the highest, safest standard. The settlement between the EPA and AVX should include a reopener clause to ensure a full cleanup of the harbor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph Myerson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Joseph Myerson

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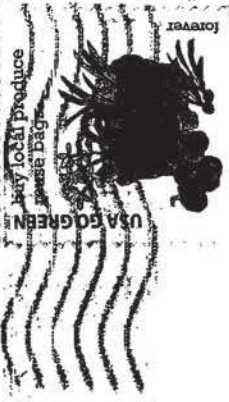
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