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Susan Maggiotto, Village Clerk  
Village of Hastings-on-Hudson  
Municipal Building at Fulton Park  
Seven Maple Avenue  
Hastings-on-Hudson, New York 110706-1497

Dear Ms. Maggiotto:

This is in response to your letter of February 5, 1998 to EPA Administrator Carol Browner regarding the Hudson River PCBs Site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson in which the Village expresses its support for the Hudson River PCBs Site Reassessment being conducted by EPA.

EPA appreciates the support from members of the Hudson River community with respect to the Reassessment study that we are currently conducting. As you know, the Reassessment, when completed, will include a detailed characterization of the PCB contamination in the Upper Hudson River, calculation of the human health and ecological risks associated with the contamination, and the evaluation of remedial alternatives to address the contamination. EPA is committed to completing the Reassessment in an expeditious manner.

Your support is particularly appreciated because "community acceptance" is an important factor to be considered when the Agency ultimately makes a remedial decision for the Upper Hudson River sediments. EPA will keep the public informed of its findings regarding the Reassessment. For further information with respect to this site, please contact Ann Rychlenski at (212) 637-3672.

Sincerely yours,

Richard L. Caspe, Director  
Emergency and Remedial Response Division



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February 5, 1998

Hon. Carol Browner, Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
401 M Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20460

**Re: Support Resolution - EPA Reassessment of Hudson River PCBs and  
Evaluation of Potential Remedial Actions**

Dear Ms. Browner:

Enclosed is a copy of the above-referenced resolution passed by the Hastings-on-Hudson Board of Trustees on February 3, 1998.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan Maggiotto".

Susan Maggiotto  
Deputy Village Manager/Village Clerk

Enclosure



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## **RESOLUTION**

On motion of Trustee Keaney, seconded by Trustee DeVita, the following resolution was duly adopted upon roll call vote:

### **15:98 SUPPORT RESOLUTION - EPA REASSESSMENT OF HUDSON RIVER PCBs AND EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL REMEDIAL ACTIONS**

- WHEREAS,** the health and beauty of the Hudson River is critical to the economic vitality of our community and the Hudson River is a treasured asset; and
- WHEREAS,** nearly 200 miles of the Hudson River - from Hudson Falls to New York City - are a federal Superfund site due to polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination; and
- WHEREAS,** PCBs are the most significant contaminant limiting full use and enjoyment of the Hudson River; and
- WHEREAS,** PCBs were banned in 1976 because of a variety of known and suspected impacts on humans and wildlife; and
- WHEREAS,** PCBs remain in the Hudson River exposing humans and wildlife to their effects; and
- WHEREAS,** an estimated \$40 million annually has been lost over the last twenty years because of the closure of Hudson River commercial fisheries and restrictions on recreationally caught fish, with the result that the Hudson Valley has lost an important cultural heritage and way of life and the economic vitality of the Hudson River region continues to be hampered by the limitations on recreational use of the River and the stigma of PCB contamination; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Superfund officials determined in February, 1997 that PCB "hot spots" in the sediment of the upper Hudson are the "dominant source" of PCB contamination to the River, and that microbial breakdown will not rid the River of PCBs; and

**WHEREAS,** the EPA's Hudson River Reassessment has determined that without remediation, present levels of contamination will continue indefinitely; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson hereby expresses its support for the Hudson River Reassessment being conducted by the U.S. EPA under the Superfund, including evaluation of the feasibility of potential remedial action that can most effectively restore the Hudson River, including the evaluation of traditional disposal methods as well as innovative technologies that can be used to destroy PCBs; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson urges that the U.S. EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.


<b>ROLL CALL VOTE:</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>
Trustee James B. Keaney	X	
Trustee Elsa C. DeVita	X	
Trustee Michael Holdstein	Absent	
Trustee Anthony Gagliardi	X	
Mayor Wm. Lee Kinnally, Jr.	X	

**ADOPTED:** February 3, 1998

### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Susan Maggiotto, Village Clerk of Hastings-on-Hudson, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on February 3, 1998, with the original now remaining on file at this office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of said original.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson this 4<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1998.

  
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Susan Maggiotto, Village Clerk