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Rose E. Clarkson, Town Clerk
 Town of Pawling
 160 Charles Coleman Boulevard
 Pawling, New York 12564

Dear Ms. Clarkson:

This is in response to your letter of January 28, 1998 to EPA Administrator Carol Browner regarding the Hudson River PCBs Site. Your letter forwards a copy of a recent Resolution by the Town of Pawling in which the Town 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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Town of Pawling

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ROSE E. CLARKSON
TOWN CLERK

TEL. (914) 855-5040

January 28, 1998

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

Dear Ms. Browner,

Enclosed please find copies of the two Resolutions to urge EPA to reassess Hudson River PCBS and to Evaluate Potential Remedial Actions and to consider the designation of the Hudson River and American Heritage River which were passed by the Town Board of the Town of Pawling which was held January 13, 1998.

Thank you for your consideration of both of these Resolutions.

Very truly yours,



Rose E. Clarkson
Town Clerk
Town of Pawling

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At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling held on January 13, 1998 at the Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York.

**RESOLUTION IN
SUPPORT OF
EPA's REASSESSMENT OF PCBs IN THE HUDSON RIVER
AND THE
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 of the Hudson River; 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 the 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. As a result, 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; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Pawling 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. Further, the Town of Pawling urges that the U.S. EPA complete the Hudson River Reassessment as expeditiously as possible.

The above Resolution was motioned by Councilman Hunt, seconded by Councilman Hauser and passed with the following roll-call vote:

Supervisor Tanner	<u>"AYE"</u>
Councilman Hunt	<u>"AYE"</u>
Councilman Hauser	<u>"AYE"</u>
Councilman Benson	<u>"AYE"</u>
Councilman Mayer.	<u>"AYE"</u>

I attest:

Rose E. Clarkson
Town Clerk

At a regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling held on January 13, 1998 at the Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York.

RESOLUTION
REQUESTING THE DESIGNATION OF
THE HUDSON RIVER
AS AN AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER

WHEREAS, the American Rivers Heritage Initiative was announced by President Clinton on February 4, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Hudson River has held a pre-eminent role in the development of the heritage of the United States influencing the settlement patterns of Native Americans, serving as a corridor of exploration, fortifying America during the Revolution, giving rise to the Age of Steam, inspiring the Hudson River School of Painting, facilitating the economic rise of New York and serving as a catalyst in the creation of the modern environmental movement; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Hudson River as an American Heritage River will provide for the coordinated delivery of Federal services, enhanced opportunities for waterfront redevelopment, improved water quality, and further the goals and strategies already utilized by the Hudson Valley Greenway; and

WHEREAS, Governor George E. Pataki, on behalf of the State of New York is seeking designation of the Hudson River as an American Heritage River

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Pawling supports the application and urges the President to designate the Hudson River an American Heritage River.

The above Resolution was motioned by Councilman Benson,
seconded by Councilman Hauser and passed with the following roll-
call vote:

Supervisor Tanner "AYE"

Councilman Hunt "AYE"

Councilman Hauser "AYE"

Councilman Benson "AYE"

Councilman Mayer. "AYE"

I attest:

Lee E. Clarkson
Town Clerk