

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4309

November 22, 2021

Mr. Michael Regan
Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Closure and Relocation of EPA Region 6 Laboratory in Houston, Texas

Dear Administrator Regan,

We are writing to request a fair consideration of the attached request that we received from the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO (AFGE).

The AFGE write to express their strong opposition to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) continued efforts to close and relocate the EPA Region 6 Laboratory ("Lab" hereinafter), a full-service analytical Lab which serves Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. The details are provided in the letter attached herewith.

The AFGE is concerned that the closing of the Lab in Houston – the petrochemical corridor of the world, with its high concentration of chemical plants and refineries – is counterproductive to EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment. The AFGE requests that the EPA reconsider the closure of the Houston, Texas Lab and the relocation of the facility and its employees to Ada, Oklahoma.

We trust you will provide full and fair consideration of their request. Please contact Rep. Al Green's Chief of Staff, Niha Razi, at niha.razi@mail.house.gov or (202)760-1809 for additional information.

Sincerely,



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