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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Honorable John D. Dingell
Chairman
Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6115

Dear Chairman Dingell:

Thank you for your letter dated July 21, 2008, expressing your concerns regarding EPA's proposed rule to allow Veolia ES Technical Solutions (Veolia) to import PCB-containing waste from Mexico to Veolia's TSCA permitted facility in Port Arthur, Texas for incineration.

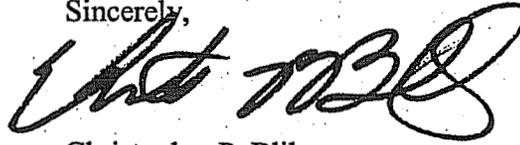
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cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member
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Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials
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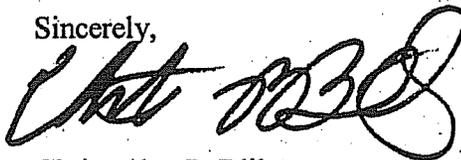
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The Honorable Hilda L. Solis
Vice Chair
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United States House of Representatives
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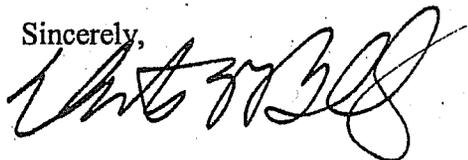
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