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February 5, 2013

Dear Mr. Desai,

The businesses of South Fairmount, Hamilton County, Cincinnati, OH have attended many of the workshops put forth by the Metropolitan Sewer District of Greater Cincinnati and they have basically only paid "lip service" to our requirements. The same is true on the public meetings put forth by the Hamilton County Commissioners. None of these government bodies have responded to the relocation needs of the 35 businesses providing about 550 jobs and generating revenues of about $68,000,000 in a businesslike manner. Their approach seems to be we will appraise your property, you can get it counter appraised, and if we cannot agree, we go to court. Government has the right of eminent domain. The MSD is saving rate payers millions of dollars by daylighting the old Lick Run creek at the expense of the businesses. None of us can go elsewhere for the appraisal amount of our properties the MSD is coming up with. The City of Cincinnati, Hamilton County, MSD, and USEPA are all paying "lip service" and really don't seem to have any interests other than moving and treating water and following the consent decree. Government is not friendly to the business community. South Fairmount has many areas that are economically distressed and the green corridor will do nothing to change this. It will be a large area that will have to be maintained at considerable expense and generate no tax revenue. Since you are selecting the green corridor over the deep tunnel, we have asked that the extra money needed by the businesses come out of the MSD budget. We have requested this of the MSD but they do not respond. The County does not respond. We feel you have already made your decision long ago. Again we invited officials to the USEPA Region 5 to attend the meetings of the South Fairmount Business Association and we were told there was no money in your budget to travel for one of our meetings. We even offered to pay your transportation costs but you declined. We do not understand why you are seeking comments on the proposed sewer plan from the general public other than maybe to fulfill some sort of legal requirement. We know you have made your decision and somehow we hope you respond to us. These views reflect much of the membership of the SFBA. More money is needed by the true stake holders, the property and business owners.

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