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Congress Richard Gephart
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Dear Congressman Gephart:

Herculaneum, has been the home for the lead Smelter, currently known as, "Doe Run Lead Company", for over one hundred years.

In 1951 my husband and I, with two children and one on the way, moved into the home where my in-laws had lived since 1918. An air monitor for lead contamination is on the lot next to mine. This monitor has been an area of the highest readings for lead contamination, and the most difficult to bring into compliance.

My three children raised in this area, are graduates of the Dunklin R5 Schools. They are healthy, educated, productive citizens, raising families of their own. Two of them are currently residents of Herculaneum, with healthy children of their own, who are graduates or still students of Dunklin R-5.

Having lived here for over 50 years, I am now 80 years old. Yes I have health problems, but none related to lead poisoning. My doctor told me he has many patients, residents in Herky, but none with lead poisoning.

Over the years I have been active in Community Health, as a Head Start Nurse, Clinic Nurse at the Jefferson County Health Dept., and 18 years as School Nurse for the Dunklin R-5 Schools. Elevated blood lead levels has not been

a health problem.

Why now, after all these years, when actually more has been done, and conditions are better, are we getting all this scary news about how dangerous our Community is?

It is obvious that those, who are pushing the issue, have their own agenda for personal gain, of some form.

Yes it is true that young children, could become lead, if allowed to play in contaminated soil, and not getting the proper care of bathing, keeping the toys and have clean. Along with cleanness, it is also essential that they maintain a healthy diet.

A buy out of homes is not the answer. It would be devastating to both those who had to move and the ones left behind.

Please see that the few children who have elevated blood lead levels, get the proper care, and that "Doe Run", is allowed to continue to do the good job that they have been doing. Help us to save our Community by stopping all this distructive, unproven gossip.

Yours truly

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