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Dear Governor Haley,

I am writing this letter to you and four other senior public servants, in order to present a comprehensive ten page Report entitled, "The serious damage caused to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez's property and health by Dorchester County Council. (DCC)" Please read each paragraph intently, then take life-changing action without any delay.

The irresponsible erection and operation of a huge Regional Sewage Pumping Station (RSPS) by DCC so very close to the Lopez property boundary, has caused extensive damage (a) to their house and garden, and also (b) to Mrs. Lopez's health due to the unavoidable toxic fume emissions she has breathed in over the last 20 months.

DCC's blatantly bad behavior and interfering malpractices have seriously restricted the normal unlimited use of their garden and house, thus causing a severe Private Nuisance in so many ways. Moreover, Mrs. Lopez's health has deteriorated from being healthy all her life prior to moving to Bridlewood Farms Subdivision, to suffering now from essential tremors to her nervous system plus worsening lung damage including the onset of Asthma.

I ask you as a matter of real urgency: Please, please ensure that the necessary steps are taken **to immediately stop the emission of the toxic fumes** from the huge RSPS which overshadows the Lopez property. This request must be regarded as top priority in order to prevent further damage to Mrs. Lopez's health. The RSPS which handles massive volumes of sewage, and emits highly concentrated amounts of toxic fumes, must be shut down at least for the time being, then permanent closure of the RSPS can be completed in due course.

Once the Lopez suffering over the last 20 months has been resolved by your stopping the DCC malpractices, then those successful steps can be applied to get solutions for the countless thousands of Dorchester County citizens who have also suffered unknowingly from many of those malpractices over the last two decades.

Sincerely,


John Pugh

ADDENDUM [A]. As promised in the Report sent to you dated September 21st, 2015, I enclose copies of the relevant correspondence for your attention. Time is of the essence. The truth is begging to be found by you. Your important role as Governor of South Carolina is called upon, to work as an independent, impartial arbitrator, in order to secure the justice due for the long suffering Mr. and Mrs. Lopez - and in due course, justice for the citizens of Dorchester County. Thank you very much!

ADDENDUM [B]. The huge RSPS that was built so irresponsibly close to the Lopez property, **would never have been allowed to be installed** in neighboring North Carolina, nor in any of the other States where the appropriate Environmental Laws are in place to ensure that the toxic fume emissions have sufficient time to disperse and be dilute enough before inhalation by human beings, so that chronic illnesses do not occur.

However, in Dorchester County, South Carolina, the overwhelming closeness of the RSPS to where Mr. and Mrs. Lopez live, does not have enough time to dilute the foul stench of the high concentration and high volume of toxic fumes - hence the serious consequence of Mrs. Lopez's deteriorating health. Moreover, the next serious consequence resulting from the closeness of the RSPS, (not mentioned in my Report dated 9/21/2015) has again occurred with the emergency alarm system blaring out continuously from 10 pm Saturday until 10 am Sunday, between 3rd and 4th of October, 2015. The duration of the alarm noise this time is much longer than the many previous occasions because of the Federal Disaster situation preventing the responders visiting the RSPS site, but after $5\frac{3}{4}$ years of disrupting the Lopez's sleep they should have been able to devise a shut off working from their office, many years ago for the constantly blaring alarm. Once awake, getting back to sleep can take time!

The emergency alarm signal blared out 5 - 6 times during the period late December 2009 to late October 2013 from the small SPS located so close to the Lopez property boundary. The emergency alarm signal continued to blare out 6 times during the period late October 2013 to October 4, 2015 from the same location so close to the Lopez property boundary. These alarm disturbing periods don't often last very long, but this last occasion of 10 hours was unfortunately the most troublesome of all during this critical time of Mrs. Lopez's worsening health!

The ridiculous irony of these alarming situations is that the only way to stop the alarms blaring out is for Mr. or Mrs. Lopez to telephone the emergency responder crews in order to alert them what is happening, because there is no working connection from the SCADA pole to the emergency responders' office. Mr. and Mrs. Lopez suffer enough already from the closeness of the RSPS toxic emissions, but unless they do the emergency responders' job for them, they suffer even more! Without the intervention of Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, dozens of people living in Bridlewood Farms Subdivision would be disturbed for hours longer on many occasions, but the Lopez's once again suffer the most because they are the closest to the source of the noise constantly blaring out!

Apparently, not only do the emergency responders not know when the emergency alarm is blaring out, unless alerted by the telephone call from Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, but they also have no way of stopping the noise unless they leave their office and visit the RSPS location! The unbelievable dilemma presented to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez by DCC is so mindboggling it defies any sense of responsibility, because DCC already treat them so despicably as if they don't exist - but yet DCC rely on Mr. and Mrs. Lopez to warn them of the emergency situation. This fact is even more despicable because Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have told DCC on several occasions, including a visit to the DCC offices on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 about how they have had to telephone the emergency responders in order to get the loud emergency alarm noises stopped. DCC have not made any attempt to stop the Lopez suffering from all the DCC malpractices, which include this ridiculous ongoing emergency alarm chaos which does not have the necessary working connection between the RSPS site and the emergency responders' office.

I repeat yet again that Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have been suffering abominably at the hands of DCC since the RSPS was installed almost two years ago. This is an extremely urgent situation that must be resolved without any further delay! **The RSPS must be stopped operating immediately**, in order for Mr. and Mrs. Lopez to avoid the toxic fume emissions and the emergency alarm signals blaring out, which seriously affect their health. Then, the complete closure of the RSPS must follow, with it being relocated well away from where people live!

J. E. Coughlin 10/5/2015.

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July 17, 2015

Mr. & Mrs. Cedric Lopez
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Lopez,

First, thank you for welcoming me into your home and explaining the situation you are facing with the Dorchester County Water and Sewer pump station.

I recently met with Dorchester County Council Chairman David Chinnis, Dorchester County Council Administrator Jason Ward, and Dorchester County Attorney John Frampton regarding your problem. They were familiar with your situation and indicate that they have attempted to mitigate several of the concerns you outlined.

While sympathetic, their position remains that the station was present at the time you purchased your home. Additionally, the plan for expansion of the station was publicized for several years before the work was completed. Given that information, they maintain that they have done all that they are going to do at this point.

As we discussed during my visit, if you feel as though pertinent information was not disclosed to you at the time of your purchase, I would suggest that you bring the matter to the attention of your builder and/or real estate agent as they operate under specific disclosure requirements. If you feel that their response is lacking you may wish file a complaint with the South Carolina Real Estate Commission, South Carolina Residential Builders Commission, South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs, or initiate litigation.

I know that this is not the outcome that you had hoped for when contacting my office, but I stand ready to assist if there is any additional help I can provide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sean M. Bennett".

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Wednesday, July 29, 2015

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URGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Senator Bennett,

This communication is to acknowledge the very brief letter received by Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, via email from you, on Friday, July 24, 2015. Considering the seriousness of the Lopez situation regarding the problems caused by Dorchester County Council (DCC), which urged expeditious dispatch of the letter after your meetings with the DCC representatives, the marked delay in sending out the letter was extremely disappointing. Furthermore, the letter showed that your opinions formed as a result of those meetings, emphasize just how clever DCC are in hoodwinking the public to believe their lies, deceitfulness, and overall crafty ability to pass the blame onto other people in order to cover up their own wrong-doings! There is an urgent need to open up this can of toxic worms in order to air the refreshing truth at long last.

Senator Bennett, you were kind enough to visit the Lopez home and take time to evaluate the problematic situations which had dramatically changed the Lopez's lives in the last 20 months. You then proceeded to visit Dorchester County Council (DCC) and meet with their senior representatives so that you could evaluate the situation from both parties viewpoints. However, there is a vast troubling difference in these two proclamations. You state in your letter that you stand ready to assist Mr. and Mrs. Lopez if there is any additional help that you can provide. Therefore, thank you for your initial interest and continued support which the Lopez's really appreciate. This opportunity means that Mr. and Mrs. Lopez now initially want to concentrate on making you fully aware of the true facts relating to paragraphs 3 and 4 of your letter, which amount to less than 10% of the whole case against DCC. There are many other critical points regarding the problems caused by DCC; these indeed amount to over 90% of the total, but these can be addressed separately later accompanied with substantial supporting evidence of what actually took place for each and every topic relevant to the Lopez case.

For the time being, please carefully note the contents of this current letter whereby the real facts I present depict a completely different picture compared to what DCC are painting in your particular two paragraphs! DCC have told you without any proof that they have tried to help Mr. and Mrs. Lopez from their start of purchasing the property at 1000 Bridlewood Farms Pkwy, whereas the truth is they were deliberately not involved with any contact for the first 4 years of occupation, and since February 2014 they have been completely unhelpful and are purposely making life intolerable both physically and health-wise for Mr. and Mrs. Lopez.

However firstly, the reason why Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have contacted you, Senator, in your position of real power to serve the Dorchester County community, is to make you fully aware of the urgent need to overturn the severe problems caused by DCC regarding their irresponsible mismanagement of erecting and operating Sewage Pumping Stations (SPSs) for over 20 years without the necessary law abiding controls in place. For instance, the evidence painstakingly accumulated almost daily by Mr. and Mrs. Lopez against DCC, which I've carefully examined, is irrefutable and conclusive proof that there is a critical lack of sufficient control over the dangerous emissions emanating from the RSPS located so near the Lopez boundary. Additionally the evidence

logs the times when the involvement by DCC personnel in building and running the RSPS is rife with mistakes and disregard to competent and responsible workmanship from the start. It is indeed now well passed the time that the truth is realized by yourself and the South Carolina Senate and House, so that Dorchester County citizens can begin to live openly without suffering the unhealthy consequences of breathing in life-threatening toxic fume emissions from 120 SPSs which DCC have kept secretively from them during the past 20 years.

Please note that DCC invariably build their SPSs too close to homeowners property boundaries in order to save money. This practice is unlike North Carolina and other States where the location of SPSs are regulated according to specific Environmental Laws in order to ensure that the toxic fumes being emitted are diluted sufficiently before the airborne pollution reaches peoples' homes. Additionally, DCC do not accurately control the level of toxic fumes belching out because there are no relevant Environmental Laws in place to comply with. DCC state that the toxic fumes are controlled to be within acceptable levels for human consumption, but how can that be when there are no Laws to ensure that the emission levels prevalent throughout Dorchester County do not in fact threaten peoples' health and longevity. If there is no Environmental Law to obey, there is no need to conform correctly to precise critical control levels. As a result, toxic emissions from 120 SPSs dangerous to human beings are allowed to run rampantly out of control all over Dorchester County, with the people living there not knowing what is going on to harm them!

What greater proof do you need, Senator, to emphasize the dangers of living in this instance too close to a RSPS with levels of toxic emissions too high for human safety, than how Mrs. Lopez's health has been devastated since the RSPS has been operating. Even if it was true (which is not the case), that the emission levels are maintained to supposedly satisfactory limits, those levels of concentration and volume must be too high otherwise Mrs. Lopez's health condition would not have changed from being very healthy to becoming so critically bad - indeed life-threatening. In other states throughout the U.S.A. the relevant Environmental Laws are carefully controlling the location of the SPSs and keeping the toxic emission levels down to satisfactory safety levels so that peoples' health and longevity are not seriously affected. But in South Carolina these sensible controls are ignored as if the other States good example of maintaining necessary controls don't exist, because DCC for over 2 decades have concentrated willy-nilly on always saving money at the detriment of saving peoples' quality of life and life expectancy. The citizens of Dorchester County through paying rates and taxes are providing the money for DCC members salaries and for the money to build and operate the SPSs and RSPSs - yet those citizens are treated abominably by having their health and longevity ruined unknowingly because of DCC's long term irresponsible, unprofessional, clandestine ways of operating!

Let me emphasize now the important factors for you to consider regarding the shameful way that DCC keeps much of its Water & Sewage Dept. operations secretive from the citizens they should be responsibly serving in Dorchester County. These factors are best understood by examining a specific case such as Mrs. Lopez, and then applying the lessons learned from that case to solving what needs to be done to resolve the current mess of the total Dorchester citizen picture:

(a) Mrs. Lopez's health has been severely compromised over the last 18 months by breathing in the toxic fumes emitted from the Regional Sewage Pumping Station (RSPS) sited very close to the Lopez property boundary. All her life Mrs. Lopez has been blessed with good health, which continued for the first 4 years while living at 1000 Bridlewood Farms Pkwy. It was not until the RSPS started operating that her health deteriorated alarmingly as determined by doctor and hospital visits. Mrs. Lopez's poor health is such now after 18 months of breathing in the toxic fumes belching forth accompanied by the awful stench that penetrates through doors and windows of her home, that her health concerns are getting progressively worse with no end to the problems in sight. Mrs. Lopez's is now having to fight for her breath with the aid of an inhaler. She is now a shadow of her previous healthy, vibrant self but puts on a brave face to visitors to her home. Unfortunately she cannot seek fresh air in her garden to ease the burden due to the levels of toxic pollution that prevail 24 hours each day. Mr. Lopez is away from home working 10 - 12 hours every weekday, so his health situation is not so seriously impacted yet - but his previous minor problems from allergies have become more serious due to the toxic fume emissions. Mr. and Mrs. Lopez are highly concerned about all the problems that DCC have caused them since

the erection and operation of the RSPS monstrosity, which could well be one of the largest if not the largest RSPS in Dorchester County. As time progresses without any sign of help evident from DCC because by their actions to date they just couldn't care less, the constant conscious and subconscious worries escalate so that their physical and mental states grow more and more unbearably problematic. These huge problems have been caused by the irresponsible site placing and operation of the nearby RSPS, and as such the sensible solution is to stop it from operating immediately so that the pollution of the Bridlewood Subdivision is no longer a danger to the people's health living there.

(b) By solving the multitude of problems that Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have been suffering, their overall situation can then be used as a model example to finally correct what Dorchester County citizens have unknowingly endured for the last 2 decades, i.e., the uncontrolled pollution of their environment by over 120 SPSs. The air quality in Dorchester County is currently rated as "C", whereas the air quality of the 3 surrounding counties Charleston, Berkeley and Colleton are rated as "A". With the proper controls in place for the location and operation of the growing number of SPSs and RSPSs, Dorchester County citizens could eventually join their 3 neighbors in breathing in good quality air for the first time in ages. What a breath of good fresh air that would be! Why should South Carolina be the only rogue State in all of the U.S.A. to not have Environmental Laws in force for Sewage Pumping Stations. DCC must have the chance to join that responsible club at long last with the life-saving actions initiated by yourself, Senator!

Now, back to paragraph 3 of your very revealing letter! Let's emphasize what the true actual situation was at the time Mr. and Mrs. Lopez bought the property at 1000 Bridlewood Farms Pkwy, and what the DCC presence or rather lack of participation was at that time. Then we can investigate what happened in the 6 months period after the initial small Sewage Pumping Station (SPS) site was turned into the site for a huge Regional Sewage Pumping Station (RSPS).

Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have lived at 1,000 Bridlewood Farms Parkway since 26th December, 2009 in relative peace and happiness, for 3 years and 10 months up to the last week in October, 2013. The Dan Ryan builders, the Estate Agent and the Home Owners Association had been contacted regarding any problems that might arise from living so close to the small Pump Station which was present at that time. They all reported to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez that there should be no significant affect on their environment, nor on the value of their property. Indeed, the small Pump Station close by was found to not present any known problems, including no noticeable smell or noise for almost the next 4 years after initial occupation.

During these initial 3 years and 10 months starting from late December 2009, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez were not aware that toxic fumes were emanating from the small Pump Station. Nobody from Dorchester C. C. had ever contacted them during this initial period to warn them of the possible dangers to human health by inhaling the toxic fumes from the Pump Station emissions. Mr. and Mrs. Lopez were not bothered by any problems regarding the Pump Station, because they did not go looking for trouble that they did not know existed. Mr. and Mrs. Lopez's health was generally good in this period, although allergies occasionally caused minor problems .

However, in the last week of October, 2013 out of the blue without any warning, construction work began on the small Pump Station site. The first indication that something was happening was when a Portaloo toilet was set down on the Lopez front lawn, without permission, for construction workers to start to use!

It is important to point out that before installation work started, there was not even a courteous knock on the front door to the Lopez home, nor any other warning or advance notice, to put them in the picture about DCC's plans to erect a huge Regional Sewage Pumping Station (RSPS) so close to their home. Surprisingly, they were kept completely in the dark by DCC about what was really happening for a total of 6 months from the time installation started, even though Mr. and Mrs. Lopez tried many times to get to the truth about what was taking place. This clandestine way of behaving suggested to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez that DCC were doing something that they did not want the public to know about, otherwise they surely would have openly answered questions.

It was not until February 2014 that a Ms. Champagne of Dorchester C. C. explained that the construction work was due to the existing small Pump Station being upgraded. In fact, she falsely explained several times over the next few months that the construction work was for upgrades taking place on the existing Pump Station. There was no mention to the Lopez's that all the noise and stench that resulted was actually due to a new huge RSPS being built rather than the supposed upgrade to the existing small SPS. This revelation was not made until May 1, 2014 by Mr. Jason Ward when he finally visited the Lopez home at long last to discuss the problems that the Lopez's were suffering! He was no help at all, in fact Mr. and Mrs. Lopez can still picture him laughing as he answered their plea to reduce the toxic emission levels to at least what was the norm for the initial small station. Mr. Ward replied with great delight, "we are increasing the levels considerably with much greater volumes of sewage throughput, not reducing them!"

During the time from February to end April 2014, Ms. Champagne criticized Mr. and Mrs. Lopez several times for buying the house so close to a Pump Station, stating that they should have known there would be problems when living close by. But remember there were no known problems for Mr. and Mrs. Lopez when they lived near the original small Pump Station for almost 4 years, the problems only started when the "upgrading" began in October 2013. By admitting to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez several times in February, March and April 2014 that there would be problems for them when living at 1000 Bridlewood Farms Pkwy, why would DCC build the RSPS so close to the Lopez property while knowing full well in advance of these problems and not informing them before October 2013 when the construction of the RSPS started? This is typical of the way DCC behaves in blaming everyone but themselves while blatantly keeping important matters that people should know about only to themselves!

Ms. Champagne and the DCC Water and Sewage Dept. members had installed a massive new Regional Sewage Pumping Station (RSPS) close to the Lopez property even though the Lopez's had already lived there for 4 years! Thus in spite of DCC not warning Mr. and Mrs. Lopez about potential emission problems during the initial 4 years of their occupying the property, DCC had surreptitiously and deliberately erected a huge RSPS within yards of the Lopez property boundary to replace the initial small SPS and then blatantly blamed them for purchasing the property after the RSPS was built. In other words, DCC with all their experience of emission problems, didn't warn the Lopez's during the 4 years they occupied the property close to a small SPS, but waited until the massive RSPS had been built to replace the small SPS and then blamed the Lopez's for purchasing the property so close to where an RSPS was operating - even though the purchase was made 4 years before the RSPS was erected. What a dire act of blatant hypocrisy, especially as the huge RSPS which had been erected clandestinely had a capacity of 10,000 gallons per minute which could pollute the environment with 40 times the volume of toxic fumes at higher concentrations than the original small SPS! The DCC people had installed this huge RSPS so close to the Lopez property boundary in spite of them having 20 years experience of how such a monster machine could belch forth massive amounts of chronic illness causing emissions.

This RSPS site so close to the Lopez property is a classic example of DCC single-mindedness in saving money at the expense of making residents suffer considerably from the installation and operation of a huge Regional Sewage Pumping Station. Senator, look at the Ridgeville records kept in their Summerville office going back 7 years to see that the RSPS was originally designated for the Ridgeville site before they protested strongly to get it moved elsewhere. Bridlewood Farms Parkway was quickly chosen as a suitable replacement site because the cost savings would be significant. Much of an installation's setup for RSPS operations to start was already in place from the small Pumping Station already there. Making the Lopez's suffer by being subjected to sewage volume treatments of 40 times the capacity of the existing small SPS was obviously considered insignificant compared to the big savings obtained! After all, in the eyes of DCC, the Lopez's were only two insignificant people that were going to suffer. They hadn't complained about the initial SPS, so they were unlikely to complain about the new installation, especially if it's erection was kept secretive from them as long as possible!

DCC kept their move from the original Master Plan of a RSPS installation at Ridgeville to Bridlewood Farms Parkway very clandestine for as long as possible - indeed for 6 months after startup, by blatantly lying that the work at the new site was only an "upgrade" to the existing SPS! Also by keeping their change of plans secretive as long as possible it would be more difficult for protestors to stop the RSPS installation once it had operated for at least 6 months.

As stated previously Mr. and Mrs. Lopez have overwhelming evidence to support many other situations whereby they had to suffer from the way DCC treated them in the period between October 2013 to the present time. These many forms of factual evidence provide concrete proof that what DCC are saying is downright untrue. DCC have no evidence to support what they pretend happened so convincingly in their fairytales.

The most damning evidence against DCC's lack of sufficient control over the dangerous emissions emanating from their Sewage Pumping Stations is to note how dramatically Mrs. Lopez has suffered mentally and physically from the toxic emissions belching out from the RSPS. Unquestionably, she was in excellent health for 4 years living at her home before the start of the huge new RSPS operations, but now after breathing in the severely polluted emissions for the last 18 months, she suffers from serious ill health issues with chronic lung damage and increasingly worsening essential tremors of the nervous system. Mr. Lopez is not so badly affected yet because he is working away from home for many hours every weekday.

Why should Mr. and Mrs. Lopez be forced to move from the house and garden that they spent so much time developing into a beautiful home, until completely without warning their idyllic life was shattered by people who have absolutely no regard for their existence? And of course as soon as they've left, the Lopez house would be demolished so that nobody else would be allowed to live there, especially with a possible law suit later developing. Knocking down the property would prove that DCC knew there was a big toxic emission problem, but by then it would be too late to realize that the Lopez's were right all along. The time to support them is now. The RSPS must be forced to stop its emissions there, rather than the Lopez's be forced to stop living there.


Please note Senator Bennett, I am prepared to present the true facts of the Lopez case, along with the substantial supporting evidence to the South Carolina Senate and House of Representatives. This will verify to those people who need to know, how important it is to realize how seriously the Lopez's have suffered over the last 18 months, and how badly DCC had behaved in knowingly and deliberately changing their lives and health in such damaging ways. Knowing the truth about the Lopez case will then serve to emphasize the enormity of the task ahead to correct how the many thousands of Dorchester County citizens have been suffering for years and years! James Clyburn must also be informed of this urgent situation, because he has represented the 6th District of South Carolina which includes Dorchester County since 1992 - but he is still unaware after 22 years in office, of the dramatic health dangers that exist for Dorchester County citizens by the lack of sufficient control over the dangerous emissions from the 120 Sewage Pumping Stations presently operating. As President Obama states, "Representative Clyburn is one of only a handful of people, who when they speak, the entire Congress listens."

This letter is obviously quite long in its presentation, but it is very important to give the salient details in depth with the true relevant facts in order to prove what has actually been happening to the Lopez family as a result of living so close to a huge RSPS virtually in their back yard. The truth has been given here so that the Lopez case can be properly compared to the lies spouted by DCC, and the same exhaustive consideration will be given to all the other 90% of situations not addressed to date. The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth must prevail in Dorchester County and this truth must be quickly restored with Environmental Laws in place in order to enforce the necessary law-abiding rules in South Carolina such as exists in the rest of the U.S.A.

DCC always stress that the onus is on the public to find out what they want to know about any topic in which DCC are involved by referring to their records kept in the Council Offices. However, in keeping their records and Master Plan up-to-date, there are occasions when past superseded records are expunged so that historically the old records that applied at the time are no longer available. The one topic which unfortunately is noticeable by its absence in the County records, is information alerting the public about the dangers of toxic emissions from SPSs and especially RSPSs, and the measures DCC should be taking to make sure that Dorchester County citizens lives are not subjected to being adversely affected by such unacceptable pollution to their environment.

Senator, wherever people live, work, assemble or visit near SPSs or RSPSs in Dorchester County, they should automatically expect to live healthily by inhaling good "A" quality rated air, not the seriously polluted air which results from the lack of sufficient control over toxic emissions emanating from over 120 different types of Sewage Pumping Stations. Please take up the urgent challenge to put right what has been abused for over 20 years by DCC. The Governor, Attorney General, Mayors, Senators, Judges, Juries, Lawyers, everyone from all walks of life who have unknowingly tolerated living with such poor quality air, even including the stupid DCC members, can live in so much better conditions when you sort out what must be done, and complete your mission. After all, the quality of the air we breathe determines the quality and longevity of all our lives! Thank you in advance for your cleaning up this intolerable mess that literally stinks as a result of the number of people from so many organizations who are in collusion with the DCC members.

Sincerely,



John Pugh.

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P.S. Obviously the contents of this letter must be kept absolutely confidential between yourself and Mr. and Mrs. Lopez for the time being. We don't want DCC members to have the opportunity to get information together to support the lies they have been presenting, before we are properly prepared to present them with the true indisputable facts at our best appropriate time - unbeknown to them.

P.P.S. Once the seriousness of the Lopez situation is made known to the Dorchester County public at large, there will no longer be just one voice in the wilderness pleading for corrective action as an absolute necessity.

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URGENT AND CONFIDENTIAL.

Dear Senator Bennett,

This letter is sent to you because I have not received a reply to the letter that I wrote on July 29, 2015. May I reiterate that the lack of the necessary controls over toxic emissions from SPSs (Sewage Pumping Stations) and RSPSs (Regional Sewage Pumping Stations) in Dorchester County has serious consequences to the health of the people living there; and the sooner effective and permanent solutions are in place, the better for all concerned - as citizens of the other States can testify from their own good experiences.

My previous letter and this current letter emphasize the words URGENT and CONFIDENTIAL for very good reasons. Urgent: because Mrs. Lopez must now work less and rest more as each day passes due to her health and energy situation. The RSPS virtually in her backyard, which belches out excessively large volumes of toxic fumes at high concentrations, must have these toxic levels of pollution reduced **a.s.a.p.** to at least pre-October 2013 levels when Mr. and Mrs. Lopez experienced no known problems from toxic emissions prior to the RSPS start-up. (Complete, full stoppage of the RSPS can be completed later.) **DCC must fully compensate** (a) Mr. and Mrs. Lopez for all the irresponsible damage caused to the Lopez property, and (b) Mrs. Lopez for all the damage they caused to her health since the RSRS was installed, and (c) Mrs. Lopez for the physical and mental damage that she continues to experience as time passes. Confidential: because DCC must not yet be alerted about the steps being taken to rectify the problems they have caused for citizens living, working, congregating or visiting close to where SPSs and especially RSPSs are operating. When you have more details from me about some of the other 90% problems that exist due to DCC's wrong-doings as I mentioned in my previous letter, then you will be in a much better position to decide the best suitable course of action. Until then, keeping silent is absolutely necessary! (After all, you left the last meeting with DCC representatives with them thinking they had convinced you that what they told you was an accurate account of what happened in the case of Mr. and Mrs. Lopez. DCC must of course be allowed to continue to think that way until we are finally fully prepared to act in the Lopez's best interests in order to prove DCC completely wrong in their unsubstantiated claims.)

Please note that DCC will no doubt incorrectly make two major points. **Firstly**, regarding the installation of the RSPS at Bridlewood Subdivision, DCC defend their action of not telling the Lopez's about what was truly happening (until eventually 6 months passed after installation started), by saying that the public always has the opportunity to look at records in the County Offices which detail DCC's current activities.

However, rather than following their own advice, what did DCC themselves do in the Lopez case with the new huge RSPS operating virtually on the Lopez property? They deliberately pretended that all the noise and stench of the RSPS's erection and operation was due to the existing small Pump Station being 'upgraded'! This meant that DCC emphatically behaved as though details of the new RSPS installation was not in their County Office records (for as long as they could get away with the deliberate deception).

DCC always emphasize to the general public to check the County Council office records in order to keep up-to-date with DCC activities, but they themselves completely ignored that advice in the Lopez case!

Secondly, DCC may argue that there is no need for Environmental Laws in connection with the location and control of the emissions from SPSs and RSPSs, because they say the toxic levels are not sufficiently high enough to seriously harm people's health when inhaled. They proffer this false reason for not having the relevant laws in place so that their Water and Sewage Dept. profits are kept as high as possible, while deliberately ignoring the serious consequences of their actions concerning people's health and longevity over past decades. But, concrete evidence exists to show how wrong DCC are, e.g.:


(a) Why do the dozens of other States have Environmental Laws in place to effectively control the location and operation of SPSs and RSPSs? These States take these measures to ensure toxic emissions are kept within strict limits, so that their citizens have the necessary protection from illegal pollution.

(b) Why has Mrs. Lopez's health deteriorated so rapidly and damagingly from being extremely healthy 18 months ago to now being cursed with Asthma, Lung damage and worsening Essential Tremors of her nervous system? The only change in her environment to have caused such drastic physical and mental damage is the unavoidable inhalation of the huge change in the volumes and concentrations of the toxic fumes belching out from the RSPS during the last 18 months. DCC falsely state that the toxic emissions from the RSPS are low enough not to cause serious illnesses, but the evidence in Mrs. Lopez's favor is irrefutable. The RSPS is built much too close to the Lopez property, with the toxic emission levels far too high in concentration and volume for safe human inhalation, resulting in the very dangerous illnesses.

(c) Why has the danger of the gas compounds that emanate from the RSPS (which settle in Mr. and Mrs. Lopez's backyard and home) been ignored by DCC, especially as they have over 20 years experience of these gases causing chronic illnesses such as Mrs. Lopez is experiencing? There are many examples of the severely adverse affects of these gases which include Hydrogen Sulfide, Sulfur Dioxide and Methane, throughout the USA and indeed world-wide. Nevertheless, South Carolina continue to be the only rogue State keeping their citizens in the dark about the dangers of these toxic emissions from SPSs and RSPSs, whereas other States behave responsibly and law-abidingly. How can DCC be allowed to keep polluting the environment so damagingly to human health, and so irresponsibly compared to the other States?

Senator Bennett, please contact me without further delay on this urgent matter, because I believe that you are the best person in the most favorable position to truly prove and enforce the changes that must be made a.s.a.p. Time is of the essence to progress very quickly (a) for the sake of Mrs. Lopez's health, and (b) to make up for lost time in correcting the DCC wrong-doings over the last two decades. I believe that the necessary correct changes that should be made, once the true full facts of the Lopez case are understood, appreciated and approved by yourself (after providing all the indisputable evidence to you), will undoubtedly benefit both DCC's activities and Dorchester County citizens for the decades to come.

Sincerely,



John Pugh.

P.S. By all means contact James Clyburn directly at the present time (not via his aides), but please do not contact anyone else until we have discussed the total picture in much more detail. Again, comply with the requests made in the two sentences of the P.S. in the letter dated July 29, 2015. Thank You!

ITEM 4.

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Thursday, August 27, 2015

Margaret Wright,
For attention of: Senator Sean Bennett,
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A MOST IMPORTANT DELAYED SECOND CHANCE.

Dear Senator Bennett,

You met with the DCC representatives in early July, 2015 and then sent a belated letter to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez on July 17, 2015. It appears to me from that letter, that the three DCC representatives continue to bamboozle every challenger by deliberately deceiving them with elaborate misinformation. It is deemed to be misinformation because DCC cannot have even a mere shred of concrete evidence to prove what they say about the Lopez's, is what actually happened. Hence the planned deception that occurred.

You also say in that letter, that you stand ready to assist with additional help, so you are obviously not as gullible as most people would be after listening to DCC's waffling.

However Senator, I am extremely puzzled by the fact that it is now approaching two months since you attended that DCC meeting, but you still have not spoken to Mr. and Mrs. Lopez to further discuss how you can best help them. The damage to Mrs. Lopez's lungs and nervous system is getting worse every day, and she hopes every day to hear from you. Do the decent thing Senator, and listen to reason the reasons why a Dorchester County citizen urgently needs justice to prevail justice that will result from all the irrefutable evidence that proves DCC is wrong, terribly wrong in what they pretend happened.

Senator, you can have all the ammunition at your disposal to do what is ethically, morally and legally right, so that you can act without the slightest hesitation. Therefore, why are you dragging your feet?

Please do not let someone else make up for lost time in taking up such a noble cause to achieve truly undeniable justice for Mr. and Mrs. Lopez. Act swiftly and positively now before it is too late!

Sincerely,



John Pugh.

John Pugh

From: Cedric Lopez [broncid@msn.com]
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Mr. & Mrs. Cedric Lopez
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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Lopez,

I have received several pieces of communication from Mr. John Pugh referencing your disagreement with Dorchester County. Initially Mr. Pugh identified himself as your advisor, then later as Mrs. Lopez's father. While I can appreciate his desire to assist, since I am not familiar with Mr. Pugh, I hesitate to have an exchange with him about your personal situation without your authorization. However, based on those exchanges, I wanted to provide you with some additional information.

As I explained before, I have met with representatives from Dorchester County, and have outlined those discussions and findings to you in a previous letter. Since that time I have also had discussions with representatives from the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) as they are the agency responsible for issuing the permits for the work performed near your home. As a result, I have received a timeline of the project and have reviewed permit applications and subsequent ancillary filings to DHEC's Bureau of Water, Coastal Zone Consistency Certifications, certifications by engineers on the project, as well as the county's certification of completion. These items document the project from January 17, 2013 to February 13, 2015. All appear in order and DHEC stands by their findings and approvals.

While DHEC has indicated that harmful releases would not be expected from a pump station, because Mrs. Lopez has indicated respiratory issues following the completion of the project, I have requested that DHEC further evaluate the air quality around the station. I am awaiting word from the department as to what type of testing would be appropriate.

Finally, I have once again informed Dorchester County officials of your continued dissatisfaction with this situation. It is my hope they will reach out to you further.

Sean M. Bennett
Senator - South Carolina District 38