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**RE: Official Request/Petition for Evaluation of Potential Health Impacts from  
Ethylene Oxide Emissions from Sterigenics Plant in Cobb County, Georgia**

Dear Drs. Wheeler and Rodenbeck:

Please view this as an official request or petition in my capacity as a member of the Georgia State Senate as well as member of the affected community for an evaluation by the ATSDR about health risks and potential health impacts from the Ethylene Oxide emissions from the Sterigenics Plant located at 2973 Industrial Ct. SE, Smyrna, GA 30080.

As I am sure that you are aware, ATSDR conducted such an evaluation for the emissions at the Sterigenics Plant in Willowbrook, Illinois, and found an elevated cancer risk for residents and off-site workers in the community surrounding the facility. Indeed, the evaluation concluded that the "elevated risks *present a public health hazard to these populations.*" See *Evaluation of Potential Impacts from Ethylene Oxide Emissions* at 12. Because of the likelihood that the same risks exist here for communities that surround the Cobb County facility, an evaluation by ATSDR is critical. Please do not hesitate to contact my office to discuss the need for this assessment or to request further information. I appreciate your assistance regarding this important public health issue and await your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

Jen Jordan  
Georgia State Senator, District 6

cc: Cobb and Fulton County Legislative Delegations, Smyrna City Council, Atlanta City Council, Cobb County Commission, Fulton County Commission, Office of the Governor