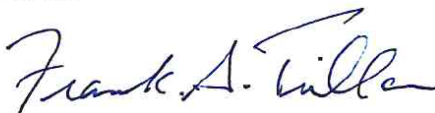


**PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF THE MAYORS OF  
VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK, VILLAGE OF BURR RIDGE,  
VILLAGE OF HINSDALE AND CITY OF DARIEN, ILLINOIS**


**(April 21, 2021)** The Villages of Willowbrook, Burr Ridge, Hinsdale, and the City of Darien have recently reviewed the Office of Inspector General’s April 15, 2021 Report regarding the USEPA Office of Air and Radiation (“OAR”) and Region 5’s intentional conduct that delayed and hindered its ability to communicate the risks of ethylene oxide and address ethylene oxide emissions occurring at Sterigenics’ Willowbrook facility. On behalf of our communities, we are outraged by this blatant breach of public trust and appalled by the USEPA/OAR and District 5’s reckless disregard of the health, safety and welfare of our residents, businesses and property. Government’s first duty is to protect its citizens. Thus, we jointly have asked our legal counsels to mutually review our legal options, including whether the IL EPA and/or Sterigenics colluded with the USEPA in this appalling cover-up. We promise our residents that this is just the beginning of our reckoning for the truth regarding ethylene oxide in our communities and holding those accountable for these failures.



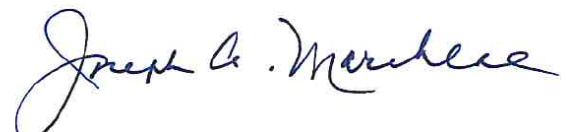
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