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Mr. William Stravropoulos, CEO
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Dear Mr. Stravropoulos,

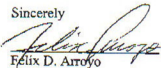
As Boston City Councillors, we are writing in support of the victims of the 1984 Union Carbide gas disaster in Bhopal, India and to respectfully request that Dow Chemical fully address the liabilities it inherited in Bhopal via its acquisition of the Union Carbide Corporation. In doing so, we draw your attention to the following facts:


- 1) Union Carbide remains an absconder from justice, having failed to face criminal charges against the company in the court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate of Bhopal. To date, no representative of Union Carbide Corporation has appeared in court to face serious charges of manslaughter and other crimes.
- 2) Thousands of tons of toxic waste dumped by Union Carbide Corporation in and around its Bhopal factory site in 1967 remains abandoned to this day. Many of these toxins have migrated into the local groundwater and are even showing up in the breast milk of mothers living near the factory.
- 3) The disaster in Bhopal - which killed more than 3,000 people in a single night in 1984, has been responsible for more than 20,000 additional deaths and injured hundreds of thousands of others in the intervening decades, continues today.


In light of these realities, we are very disappointed to hear that Dow Chemical apparently continues to ignore the summons of the Bhopal court, disregarding its legal obligations and failing to acknowledge its legal and moral responsibilities to the victims of the gas disaster. We respectfully ask that Dow Chemical take the steps necessary to ensure the appearance of Union Carbide representative at the criminal court in Bhopal. We also ask that Dow Chemical respond to the demands of the survivors for medical and economic rehabilitation and do what is needed to clean-up the remaining contamination around the factory site.

We look forward to your response to this correspondence and to hearing from you regarding Dow Chemical's plans to meet its responsibilities in this matter.

Sincerely


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