

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Gina McCarthy
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Office of the Administrator
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Washington, DC 20460

Major General Gwen Bingham
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Dear Administrator McCarthy and MG Bingham,

We are writing to you regarding an issue of great importance to Kansas and the safety of many of its small, rural communities. For more than 40 years, the Kansas Fire Service has transferred military vehicles to fire departments for use in their operations. These military vehicles, which are disposed of and transferred through the Defense Logistics Agency, are utilized by many Kansas Fire Departments. Currently, the Kansas Fire Service has 442 vehicles, originally valued at almost \$23 million, in use by 81 Kansas counties. In Kansas many local fire departments are the first responders to any pipeline incident, and these vehicles provide them with the necessary capabilities to meet these obligations.

These transfers have a long history of being mutually beneficial to the Department of Defense and to state and local fire departments. As such, we find recent reports that the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army's TACOM Life Cycle Management Command have suspended the current contract very troubling as it will have significant impacts on our local communities. Not only will new requests not be honored, but currently used vehicles will be unable to be repaired. These vehicles are providing essential services, and are being utilized on an as-needed basis. Thus, the environmental impact of these vehicles is small, as they are not being utilized in day-to-day operations.

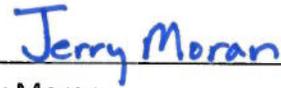
Our local communities depend on these vehicles for public safety. This immediate termination puts local fire district in a potentially dangerous situation during a volatile tornado and weather season in Kansas, and could hamper efforts to respond to fire disasters and protect the local communities. We strongly encourage previously approved practices by the EPA and

Department of Defense in this regard to be re-implemented immediately. We appreciate your consideration and timely response to this request.

Sincerely,



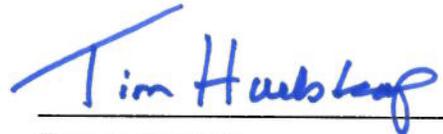
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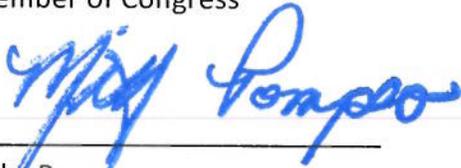
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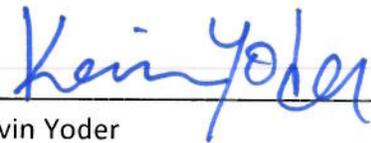
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