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The Honourable John Roberts
Minister of the Environment
14th Floor
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Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Roberts:

Re: U.S. vs. Hooker Chemicals and Plastics Corp., et al
(Hyde Park Landfill)

Thank you for your letter of August 28, 1981. Again we reiterate our appreciation for your continued support of our effort in the Hyde Park case.

As you are aware, the Canadian Environmental Law Association operates as a Legal Aid Clinic and as such does not charge legal fees to its clients. We only charge for our out-of-pocket disbursements such as xeroxing, telephone, delivery charges, travel, etc. Our clients in this matter, Pollution Probe and Operation Clean-Niagara, also operate on limited budgets and while they have covered some disbursement charges in regard to this case, we find that since our motion for amicus curiae status in May, 1981, our disbursement expenditures are mounting.

We estimate that we have incurred approximately \$500 in expenses to date. While this amount is miniscule in comparison to legal fees that would have been incurred by a private or government lawyer, it is a large amount for CELA to cover out of our relatively limited budget.

Therefore, we would request any assistance that your Department can give us toward defraying some of our expenses.

It is our understanding that this may indeed be the first case where a U.S. judge has ordered a fact finding hearing at

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the request of an amicus, and one of the rare occasions
where amicus curiae have been allowed to both call evidence
and cross-examine witnesses.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Yours truly,

CANADIAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ASSOCIATION

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Toby Vigod". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the middle-left section of the page.

Toby Vigod
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