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ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, FIRST DISTRICT

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Peter Dilnot
Chief Executive Officer
GKN Aerospace
12122 Western Avenue
Garden Grove, CA 92841

Dear Mr. Dilnot:

I am writing in the spirit of collaboration regarding the recent chemical crisis at the GKN Aerospace facility in Garden Grove. I recognize that this incident has created significant disruption and uncertainty for GKN Aerospace, its employees, and its leadership as the company navigates operational, legal, insurance, and reputational concerns.

At the same time, our local residents, workers, and small businesses have experienced serious disruption and financial hardship. For that reason, I strongly urge GKN Aerospace to promptly establish a clear and accessible claims process for residents and businesses impacted by this crisis to get reimbursements. Tens of thousands of residents were forced from their homes and families incurred unexpected costs for lodging, food, transportation, medication, pet care, lost wages, and other evacuation-related needs. For many, these expenses were sudden, unavoidable, and deeply burdensome.

I understand that the local business-related losses may involve more complicated issues. However, residents who were forced to evacuate should not have to wait through a lengthy legal process to seek reimbursement for basic, unavoidable expenses. At minimum, GKN should immediately establish a simple claims process for residents so families have a practical way to request assistance for costs incurred during the evacuation. Establishing this process would demonstrate good faith, reduce confusion, and help rebuild trust with the surrounding community. It may also help prevent frustration from growing while broader issues continue to be addressed.

The residents of Garden Grove and surrounding communities deserve timely information and a practical path toward being made whole. Accordingly, GKN must initiate a claims process including a timeline for when that process will be made available, and the appropriate point of contact for affected residents and businesses. GKN has an opportunity and a responsibility to act quickly, anything less is unacceptable.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Janet Nguyen", is written over the printed name.

JANET NGUYEN
Supervisor, First District
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