

May 6, 1998

Dr. R.L. Mullins, Jr., Program Manager  
FUSRAP Project Office  
US Army Corps of Engineers  
St. Louis District  
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St. Louis, MO 63134

RE: CONTAMINATED SOIL AT MALLINCKRODT PLANT

Dear Dr. Mullins:

I attended and testified at the Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, public hearing at Clay Elementary School. I work in the neighborhood with an environmental project developing the Riverfront Trail that runs between Mallinckrodt and the River. I am also active with neighborhood issues in Hyde Park and live on North 20<sup>th</sup> Street with my wife and two children.

Our neighborhood has a annual income averaging \$7000 per family. More than 60% of the community does not hold a high school degree. Little interest or caring exists for the neighborhood outside of its community borders. Very few 'anchors' (neighborhood stabilizing forces) remain. And business anchors are even rarer.

Mallinckrodt, Inc. has been a real strength to neighborhood improvements, particularly through the contribution of time and expertise by their staff. Mallinckrodt has brought area neighborhood organizations together, helped plan events, strategized with residents on political issues, supported small businesses, encouraged the recovery of chemically addicted parents, fostered solutions to environmental issues, employed area residents, and revealed its waste disposal practices in an open manner. The company has also invested funds to strengthen community efforts. Mallinckrodt is our business anchor that we cannot afford to lose.

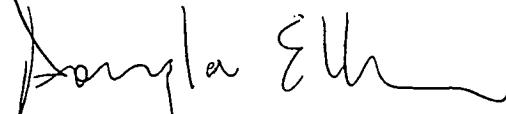
As I understand the issues, without the soil contamination removed to a specified level, Mallinckrodt cannot reinvest with new construction on those sites within its grounds. Our neighborhood must have Mallinckrodt remain a viable entity.

My comments are in vigorous support of Alternative 6 as described within the Proposed Plan for the St. Louis Downtown Site.

I also feel that if more effective publicity was given within our neighborhood of the public meeting, a greater showing of support for Alternative 6 would have been demonstrated.

Please do everything in your power to adopt Alternative 6 as the chosen plan for North St. Louis.

Thanking you in advance,



Douglas Eller