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Na'Taki Osborne Jelks, Ph.D.  
Chair, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council  
West Atlanta Watershed Alliance/Proctor Creek  
1441 Richland Road Southwest  
Atlanta, Georgia 30310

Dear Dr. Jelks:

I would like to thank you for the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council's letter that details recommendations to strengthen the protection of farmworkers and their families.

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Sincerely yours,

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Overbrook Environmental Education Center  
6134 Lancaster Avenue  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19151

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