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The Honorable Lee M. Zeldin
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The Honorable Kevin J. McOmber, P.E.
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Dear Adminsitrator Zeldin and Mr. McOmber:

On November 4th, 2025, UPS Airlines Flight 2976 crashed during departure from Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport. The plane, which was carrying three crew members, hit businesses just outside the airport perimeter, leaving a trail of fire and destruction in its wake. Tragically, fourteen people were killed in the event, and over a dozen were injured.

Our community is heartbroken by the immediate loss of life, and we mourn for and with our friends and neighbors. We are also concerned with the long-term public health implications of this accident. Flight 2976 was carrying approximately 220,000 pounds of jet fuel when it caught fire. The airplane wreckage was spread over a wide area and significantly fragmented and burned. While there were no hazardous materials directly on board the flight, several businesses that store hazardous materials on-site were affected.

I am thankful for the EPA's quick response to cleanup efforts. Since the incident occurred on November 4th, crews have recovered close to 95 percent of the oil from the crash, or around 880,000 gallons of oil-water mix, and contained oil coverage within the impacted waterway. To my knowledge, Louisville's public drinking water has been and remains safe for consumption, in part because of the fast work of your agency, and I thank you for the work done to help my community.

While the EPA has formally handed further cleanup efforts to the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection and assumed an advisory role, I request that you continue to oversee this site with utmost care and keep my office informed about any updates regarding public health and safety.

Sincerely,

Morgan McGarvey
Member of Congress