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November 23, 2007

Mayor Tom Schilly and City Council Members  
130 Mississippi Ave.  
Crystal City, MO 63019-1634

Dear Mayor Schilly and Council Members,

Over the past few months we have been approached by a number of constituents who have accused us of supporting a smelter for Crystal City. We can certainly see the signs popping up all over town indicating that there are considerable concerns among city residents regarding this smelter and its possible impact. And somehow we are being dragged into the discussion.

We also saw a few videos of recent council meetings and understand why these citizens might feel that we have a favorable opinion of the proposal. Our names have been liberally used by city officials indicating such support.

First of all, we don't have any information other than a cursory look at the proposal. Without extensive data there is no way for us to make an informed decision on a smelter. We don't know if this proposal is the best use of the property as we haven't seen any other proposals. What other options have been explored?

We are all striving to provide high paying quality jobs for our citizens. However, at the very least, citizen input and extensive research should be part of any long lasting proposal prior to committing the property.

Contrary to what has been said at recent city council meetings, we have not "signed off" on the proposed smelter. We would be happy to work with the city in conjunction with our duties as state legislators, but endorsing a controversial plan with so many unanswered questions would be poor judgment on our part.

If anyone needs further clarification, please do not hesitate to give us a call.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Ryan McKenna in black ink.

Ryan McKenna  
State Senator, District 22

Handwritten signature of Ron Casey in black ink.

Ron Casey  
State Representative, District 103