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Governor Gary Herbert
Office of the Governor
Utah State Capitol, Suite 200
350 North State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-2220

Dear Governor Herbert:

Mr. Thomas Rodgers of Bountiful, Utah, has been very persistent in calling attention to a very dangerous but often overlooked flaw in the design and construction of exhaust systems, commonly found in trailers and other low cost housing units. Mr. Rodgers claims that close proximity of the exhaust pipes to the intake pipes/valves to the heating systems are causing this problem especially when high snow and other debris blocks the intake pipe enabling dangerous toxic fumes to enter the trailer or living space. I have attached some of his handouts which provide detailed information about this major problem. Mr. Rodgers claims the U.S. Government and housing industry are intentionally denying the existence of this problem.

I am writing to recommend that if there is any possibility that what Mr. Rodgers is saying is correct to any degree, then this issue needs to be looked into and evaluated. Mr. Rodgers has a professional background in the sciences. Mr. Rodgers has taken this matter to the attention of the national office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Indian Health Services. Both of these organizations chose to ignore him. He has also called upon the oldest lobbying organization in the United States, National Congress of American Indians, Washington D.C.

Any attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Forrest S. Cuch

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cc: Lt. Governor Greg Bell
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Thomas Rodgers ✓
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