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Subject: Continue to Stand Firmly Against Ethylene Oxide Pollution

Dear Shelby County Commission,

The EPA has proposed new requirements for the hazardous toxic gas called ethylene oxide for 86 commercial sterilizers across the country. Sterilization Services of Tennessee is on the list. EPA states that its proposal would significantly reduce EtO emissions, including fugitive emissions, and would reduce the risk of people in nearby communities.

During the March 28th community meeting, Shelby County Health Department Director Dr. Taylor stated that the Health Department would consider applying EPA's new rule immediately to reduce toxic EtO emissions and protect the people of South Memphis. Now that the Health Department and the facility are both aware of the content of the proposed rule, Dr. Taylor has the responsibility as the Director and Health Officer to take action to hold Sterilization Services of Tennessee accountable for its pollution. The Health Department must direct Sterilization Services to immediately implement pollution-control measures to meet or exceed EPA's proposed standards.

It is time for Dr. Taylor to stand on the side that is right and hold this polluter and its parent corporation with locations in 25 countries accountable. Instead of protecting the polluter, the Shelby County Health Department must protect community members of South Memphis. Please join us in urging Dr. Taylor to start directing the Sterilization Services of Tennessee to immediately implement the changes proposed by the new EPA requirements.

Sincerely,