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Mr. Ramon Lugo III  
Acting Director  
NASA Glenn Research Center  
21000 Brookpark Road  
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Dear Mr. Lugo:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with me and other members of the Ohio delegation about issues of importance to NASA and the NASA Glenn Research Center in Ohio's 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. I wanted to follow up on one issue of great importance to the neighborhood of NASA Glenn and the fate of the City of Fairview Park.

I am greatly concerned about the future of Fairview Park due to the deed restriction on the 20 acres north of Brookpark Road, the "North 20" where NASA Buildings 500 and 501 are currently located. The deed restriction requires that this parcel be used for aerospace purposes. For the last 4 years, NASA has been in discussions with me, Fairview Park Mayor Eileen Patton, representatives of Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio, and private parties concerning the redevelopment of this parcel.

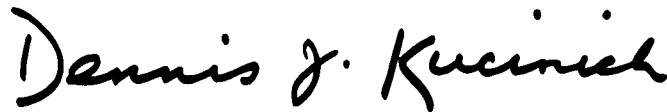
Last week, I learned that discussions abruptly ended between NASA and the last remaining private developer negotiating for the opportunity to redevelop one or both of the buildings on the North 20. Upon learning of this, my staff has interviewed representatives of NASA, Fairview Park, and the developer. According to NASA staff, the developer abruptly withdrew from consideration for the project on Friday April 16. According to a representative of the developer, there were at least two timing issues that had not been resolved and the company would look forward to returning to the negotiating table to resolve those issues.

It is vitally important that federal agencies work closely with their neighbors and the local communities which host them. When a large employer pulls out of a community, it often wreaks havoc on the local economy and the quality of life in that municipality. The federal government is our nation's largest employer. As such, it is especially important that federal agencies do everything they can to be on the vanguard of equitable treatment of their host communities. The stakes are especially high for Fairview Park, a small city which will lose more than \$400,000 in annual income tax revenue if NASA pulls its work from the North 20.

The federal government has a policy on this in Executive Order 12072. This order applies to the General Services Administration (GSA), which handles most real estate transactions for the federal government. NASA is one of the few federal agencies which handle their own real estate transactions. While Executive Order 12072 does not specifically apply to NASA since the order envisioned that GSA is the federal agency in charge of real estate, I believe that NASA has a duty to work with its host communities for the best possible result even though real estate is only a relatively small part of NASA's mission.

I believe that there is still an opportunity to come to an agreement which works for NASA and the City of Fairview Park. I ask that you make every effort to come to an agreement which does not leave this important parcel in Fairview Park without business development. I make myself and my staff available to continue to facilitate discussions among NASA, Fairview Park, state and regional government, non-governmental entities which could be of assistance, and private parties interested in developing the North 20. Please contact me directly or my senior Counsel Marty Gelfand at 216-228-8850 to follow up on this matter of great importance to the people we both serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis J. Kucinich". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dennis J. Kucinich  
Member of Congress

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