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James Byrne  
Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program Lead  
US EPA Region 1  
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Dear Mr. Byrne,

I write this letter in support of the Town of Preston, Connecticut's two applications for an EPA Brownfields Targeted Assessment funding for the amount of \$500,000 and \$150,000. Preston's applications detailed the necessity and benefit of funding such a project. I endorse the town's submission and request that this application be given all due consideration for full funding.

The Town of Preston acquired the former Norwich State Hospital property in 2009. The State of Connecticut shut down the state hospital in 1996 and the 480 acres have stood vacant since then. I know from my visits to this property that is a prime parcel of land that with remediation could be developed into a successful venture with a significant positive impact on the local, regional and state economy.

The Norwich State Hospital property is wrought with old abandoned buildings. Preston is requesting monies to the preparation of work plans, a Remedial Action Plan (RAP and a QAPP to clean up soil and groundwater and to develop specification and alternate work practices to abate asbestos and lead based paint. I encourage the EPA to grant the Town of Preston's applications full and fair consideration under the law.

I thank the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for administering the Brownfields program. If I can be of any additional assistance to Preston's application please do not hesitate to contact my staff member Ellen Paul at 860-886-0139.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best Wishes,

JOE COURTNEY  
Member of Congress



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OFFICE OF THE  
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Robert Congdon  
First Selectman  
Town Of Preston  
Town Hall, Route 2  
Preston, CT 06365

Re: Selection of Site for Targeted Brownfields Assessment; Former Norwich State Hospital

Dear Mr. Congdon:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the former Norwich State Hospital site has been selected by EPA New England for the Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program. EPA anticipates funding and conducting site assessment activities in the coming months. The source of the funds we will be using is the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act. We have estimated that these services will cost up to \$200,000. The EPA contractor that will perform the work is Nobis Engineering. Jim Byrne of the Region's Brownfields Team will oversee the assessment activities and will be the EPA point of contact for the project. Jim will be contacting you in the near future to begin gathering information to identify the scope of the investigation.

We look forward to working with you in completing the Targeted Brownfields Assessment at your site. Your cooperation in assisting us in the completion of these activities is appreciated. If you have any questions or require further clarification of the above, please contact Jim at (617) 918-1389.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ira W. Leighton".

Ira W. Leighton  
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Senator Christopher Dodd  
Senator Joseph Lieberman  
Congressman Christopher Murphy  
Christine Lacas, CTDEP