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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to provide public comment on the proposed National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health study of IBM Endicott employees (NIOSH-103). This long overdue study is vital to my constituents and I am strongly supportive of it, but I have concerns with its scope.

The proposed NIOSH study would examine the personnel records of IBM Endicott employees to see whether employees exposed to chemicals, including trichloroethylene (TCE), were more likely to develop cancer than other people. I want to point out that it is also critical that contracted workers be included in the scope of this study as well.

While not directly employed by IBM Endicott, contracted workers could potentially have been exposed to the same hazardous risks. I have spoken to representatives of local unions (SEIU Local 200 United and Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 112) that had members contracted to work at IBM Endicott during the timeframe of the proposed study and they have informed me that useful information about these individuals is available.

The residents of Endicott and all the former workers at IBM deserve to know if they have been exposed to health risks in their homes and workplaces. I appreciate all of the efforts of our federal representatives on their behalf to secure funding for this important study.

I commend NIOSH on their work and interest with the feasibility study. Thank you in advance for your consideration of my comments and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any additional assistance.

Sincerely,

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cc: Hon. Charles E. Schumer, US Senator
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