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**CARL E. OFFICER, Mayor**

March 2, 1988

Mr. William Boyle, Plant Manager
Monsanto Chemical Plant
500 Monsanto Avenue
Sauget, Illinois 62206

Dear Mr. Boyle:

Please accept my compliments and the gratitude of the City of East St. Louis for Monsanto's decision to establish a working relationship with the City.

A good working relationship between civic and business leadership of East St. Louis is of critical importance and is a high priority for my administration. Monsanto leadership is of obvious importance to our formula for forgoing such relationship.

Your choice of Al Raby, Tom Coffey, and Norty Kay to work with the City is also impressive. Mr. Raby's credentials as a National Civil Rights Leader sends all the right messages. The knowledge and experience that all three bring, as former top aides to my dear friend, the late Mayor Harold Washington, is also of vital importance.

There are many ways Monsanto can make important contributions to the growth of East St. Louis. Your help on several recent incidents was well intentioned--the garbage pick-up and sewer inspection.

As a result of our meeting with your new representatives, we have a better understanding of your concerns and needs. We will make every good faith effort to work cooperatively with you.

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I would like to visit with you, personally, within the near future to discuss cooperative efforts between the Monsanto Chemical Company and the City of East St. Louis.

Thank you for your ongoing concern for the residents of this community.

Sincerely,

Carl E. Officer, Mayor
East St. Louis, Illinois

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