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Congreso de la República  
Plaza Bolívar s/n, Av. Abancay  
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Dear Honorable Members of the Congress of Peru:

I write to you as the member of the United States Congress, and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. I represent the 3<sup>rd</sup> district of Missouri, which is home to a lead smelter operation owned by Doe Run Corporation and its parent, Renco Group, which is similar to the Doe Run smelting operation you are currently debating in La Oroya. The smelting operation has provided jobs to many employees over the years, but has also caused environmental and public health problems.

Doe Run's lead smelter, located Herculaneum, MO, has been operating since 1892 and was taken over by Renco Group in 2004. For many years, families and children living near the facilities were exposed to dangerously high levels of lead. As you may know, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has identified lead as one of the most dangerous neurotoxins in the environment. In 2010, Doe Run reached an agreement with EPA to pay \$65 million for violating environmental laws, as well as a \$7 million civil penalty for environmental remediation. Doe Run is closing its lead smelting operation in Herculaneum by the end 2013. Currently, it has plans to open a new plant using improved technology that not only reduces emissions, but is also less toxic.

It is my understanding that Doe Run's operations in La Oroya, Peru raise similar environmental and public health concerns as the soon – to – be closed smelting plant in Herculaneum. I urge you and your colleagues in the Peruvian Congress to work with Doe Run Peru to encourage them to take the necessary steps to comply with its commitments under the Program for

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Environmental Mediation (PAMA). As is the case in the United States, Doe Run Peru's parent company, Renco, has the ability to provide jobs at their operations while doing so in with the pollution control technologies that are needed to protect the public health and the environment in La Oroya.

I wish you the best of luck in your efforts to promote economic development and protect public health and the environment in La Oroya.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Russ Carnahan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Russ Carnahan  
Member of Congress