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March 20, 2006

The Honorable Manmohan Singh
Prime Minister of India
New Delhi, India

Dear Prime Minister Singh:

I am writing in regard to the *New Delhi Padyatra*, a march undertaken by over 130 survivors of the 1984 industrial disaster in Bhopal, India.

As you know, some 27 tons of poisonous gas leaked from a Union Carbide Corporation plant in Bhopal during the 1984 disaster, exposing hundreds of thousands of nearby residents to harmful toxins and killing thousands. It is my understanding that these survivors, who began marching from Bhopal to New Delhi on February 20, 2006, are demanding that the Indian government take immediate steps to respond to their plight. I urge you to make every effort to meet with the survivors and address their concerns.

As you are aware, the Supreme Court of India concluded a settlement in 1989 between the government of India, Union Carbide Corporation (UCC), and Union Carbide India Limited (UCIL), in which UCC and UCIL were ordered to pay approximately \$470 million to a settlement fund for affected survivors. I have read reports indicating that as much as \$390 million still remain in this fund, even after the passage of more than 15 years.

I know you share my belief that the Indian government has a responsibility to uphold the decision of the court to fairly compensate affected survivors, many of whom suffer from lethal or debilitating conditions as the result of toxic exposure. With over 20 years now having passed since the disaster, it is my strong hope that you will work with affected survivors, including those marching to New Delhi, to ensure that they receive justice and fair compensation and that their voices are heard.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Price".

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