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**Statement of Teacher of 21 Years at Park Avenue Elementary School**

I have been a teacher at Park Avenue Elementary School for the past 21 years. On Tuesday morning, as usual, I began taking my first graders outside to have lunch. I began feeling a light drizzle on my hair, face and body. I thought it was raining, and then I caught the scent of fuel. I started yelling for my students to come back inside the building. I didn't know where the smell was coming from and my first thought was, "Oh my God, it must be a terrorist attack!" All I could think of was making sure my students were safe and to calm their fears as they were scared and crying. Soon after, my head began to hurt and I started feeling nauseous. I couldn't smell anything other than gas, I couldn't taste anything other than gas. The firefighters gave me oxygen. When I got home, I scrubbed down and washed my clothes. The next day I woke up with a severe headache and nausea, and by noon I went to Urgent Care because the pain would not go away. I am scared of what can happen to my health and the health of my students, my friends and my colleagues.

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