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Statement of Teacher for 13 Years at Park Avenue Elementary School

I have been a teacher at Park Elementary School for the past 13 years. On the morning of January 14th, close to noon, I observed a Delta Airlines jetliner approaching from the east, at an alarmingly low altitude, exuding two long plumes of white matter from the back of the plane. The white plumes remained in the sky as the plane flew directly overhead, while I was on the playground of Park Avenue Elementary school with my 5th grade class during PE instruction. Several seconds after the plane had passed over us, I began to feel drops of jet fuel raining from the sky. My students initially thought it was rain, and began looking up, only to have the noxious liquid then overwhelm our eyes, mouths, noses, lungs, and skin. I immediately began to rush my students indoors, as the fumes were stifling. Students began screaming and crying because their eyes and skin were burning. Fear, dread, panic, and helplessness ensued.

We are all very experienced teachers, but we are not equipped to deal with this level of hazardous contamination. We had to ensure the decontamination and care of the students as best we could, until help arrived. In ensuring the immediate care of our students, we were not able to decontaminate ourselves for several hours after the jet fuel had saturated us. The subsequent aftermath of

eye, sinus, respiratory, and other health issues have plagued me, and the other teachers who are here with me today, as well as the fear of the long-term effects this level of exposure may cause.

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