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Dear Larry:

I am writing to bring your attention to the troubling allegations contained in the attached *Austin American-Statesman* articles. On January 19, 2003, the *Statesman* alleged that "[l]evels of toxic chemicals in Barton Springs Pool and just upstream on a hillside overlooking the pool have exceeded those found in a dozen of the worst hazardous waste sites in the country."

This serious charge deserves the immediate attention of authorities, including the Environmental Protection Agency, to determine the cause and extent of any contamination, the risk posed, and remediation alternatives.

The potential threat to our treasured public resources requires that the public be kept fully informed of every step of the investigation.

Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of any assistance to your office in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lloyd Doggett".

Lloyd Doggett