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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST *Att: Michael Baker*

Dear Sir:

I recently read in Boy's Life magazine that the Environmental Protection Agency was once again sponsoring the President's Environmental Awards program. To my astonishment I noted this year's regional winners will be awarded a \$1000 grant. My son was a winner of the 1994 Region 5 President's Youth Award. I am told because of the timing of last year's awards program there were NO corporate sponsors willing to support the program financially as in nearly every past award year. I was also told that past corporate sponsors were unable to support the program because the 1994 awards program was held during the same corporate fiscal year as the 1993 program.

I asked Ms. Noemic Emeric to contact the 1993 and past sponsors and simply ask them to delay awarding grants to the 1994 recipients until such time that they were in a position to support the 1994 winners. I am not aware that she has done this. It appears to me that simply because of poor timing and inadequate planning by your agency the ten 1994 regional winners were penalized.

I would ask that you contact the corporate sponsors of the 1995 program and explain this unfortunate situation and request their consideration in supporting the 1994 winners before awarding the \$1000 grants to the potential 1995 winners. I would also ask that provide me with a list of ALL past corporate sponsors, their address, the amount they contributed to each winner and a list with addresses of the 1994 winners under the Freedom of Information Act.

I look forward to hearing from you and to your appropriate resolution of the unfortunate situation your agency created for the ten 1994 President's Environmental Award winners.

Sincerely,



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