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Louisiana Sanders Wright
Pastor James Abraham
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Dear Ms. Wright and Pastor Abraham:

I regret that I will not be able to attend the Seventh Annual Memorial Program for the Graniteville Train derailment and chlorine spill this Saturday afternoon because of a family commitment that I have. Nevertheless, please share this brief letter with those attending.

To the families and friends of those who lost loved ones, our thoughts and prayers continue to be with you especially today as the tragic event of seven years ago is remembered.

To the first responders at the local, county, and state level, we again thank you for your efforts and express our appreciation for your dedication and bravery in the line of duty.

To the organizers of this event, we are grateful for your efforts in hosting this annual event.

Finally, to the citizens of Graniteville and the surrounding communities that were affected by the train wreck, we continue to work tirelessly to improve this community and to attract new industry and jobs to take the place of those that were lost in the wake of the train disaster.

Thank you and may God bless each of you, this community, and this county in the coming year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom".

Tom Young, Jr.