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To direct the Environmental Protection Agency to provide technical assistance for the cleanup at the site of the first anthrax attack.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 20, 2002

Mr. NELSON of Florida introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Anthrax Cleanup As-
5 sistance Act of 2002”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the property at 5401 NW Broken Sound
9 Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida and all improve-
10 ments thereon, which housed American Media, Inc.,

1 was the first site impacted by the anthrax attacks of
2 last year;

3 (2) Robert Stevens, an editor in the building,
4 died as a result of the attack;

5 (3) the attack has closed the entire building
6 since October 2001; and

7 (4) the contaminated building has raised health
8 and emotional concerns for the surrounding commu-
9 nity.

10 **SEC. 3. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

11 Consistent with the technical assistance that the En-
12 vironmental Protection Agency has provided at other sites
13 contaminated by anthrax, the Environmental Protection
14 Agency shall provide technical assistance in support of the
15 cleanup of the building described in section 2(1), including
16 activities such as—

17 (1) reviewing potential anthrax cleanup contrac-
18 tors and confirming that they are qualified for the
19 remediation of anthrax;

20 (2) reviewing selected contractor's proposed
21 sampling and remediation plans;

22 (3) identifying State and Federal disposal facili-
23 ties that would take waste generated from anthrax
24 cleanup; and

1 (4) providing additional technical assistance as
2 needed.

3 **SEC. 4. COMMUNITY OUTREACH.**

4 The Environmental Protection Agency shall conduct
5 community outreach activities, including—

6 (1) a followup to their March 7–8, 2002 Forum
7 in Palm Beach, Florida, which was conducted to
8 educate the American Media, Inc. about the lessons
9 learned from the Hart Senate Office Building clean-
10 up; and

11 (2) a multi-agency seminar, including the Agen-
12 cy for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, the
13 Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and
14 the Centers for Disease Control, to discuss commu-
15 nity health, occupational, and other concerns.

16 **SEC. 5. SENSE OF THE SENATE.**

17 It is the sense of the Senate that the appropriate
18 State agencies should contribute to the cleanup of the
19 building described in section 2(1) in addition to any assist-
20 ance the Federal Government may provide.

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