I am a downtown resident and publisher of the local newspaper but I am speaking as an individual. My newspaper has also opined on this in the same vein.

It is imperative that cancer be included in the diseases covered by the fund. Carcinogens and toxins were released in the neighborhood and homes and lingered for years. Residents in the neighborhood absorbed this toxic debris sometimes for years. Is it a surprise that cancer rates are elevated for this population? Those who suffered from being diagnosed by cancer need to be helped.

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