

Mr. Speaker, my goal in serving in Congress is to promote communities that are more livable. We are not going to achieve that goal unless we make significant progress toward cleaning up our Superfund and Brownfield sites. For that reason, I have been a consistent supporter of Superfund and Brownfield legislation in the 106th Congress.

Of all the Superfund and Brownfield bills, it appeared that H.R. 1300 had the greatest chance for passage in the House. Despite significant bipartisan support, Senate leadership has made it clear that H.R. 1300 will not move on their side. I am deeply disappointed that instead of moving H.R. 1300 we are being asked to vote on a controversial bill which I must oppose as will many of my colleagues. Hopefully in the next Congress we will be able to pass genuine Superfund and Brownfield legislation.