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Dear Administrator Pruitt:

Congratulations on your appointment to head the Environmental Protection Agency.

I was recently elected and sworn in as Mayor of the Village of Hoosick Falls, located in upstate New York. Our village has been hit hard by toxic pollution that has contaminated our public water supply with the chemical PFOA. I am writing to urge you that the EPA put our community on the list of federal Superfund sites.

Last year, EPA region 2 conducted testing and sampling and determined that our community met the requirements to be listed as a federal superfund site. At the request of local government, EPA Region 2 staff, led by Walter Mugdan, came to Hoosick Falls and presented a great deal of information and answered many questions. The presentation was one of the most organized and informative that our community has attended, and we had unanimous support for the Superfund listing.

My understanding is that sites are added to the National Priorities List (Superfund) twice a year. After concluding the public comment period, and after sampling, EPA Region 2 submitted the site be added to the Superfund list last year. Time is of the essence. I hope that this happens as soon as possible.

My second request is that the EPA work with me to establish a Citizens Advisory Committee to ensure that our local residents are fully informed about what is being done to clean up this toxic contamination in our water supply and the broader community. As you can imagine, there is serious concern in our community and we want to make sure that local residents are informed and involved.

Thank you for your consideration and I can be reached at our Village Office at (518) 686-7072, or via my personal cell phone: (518) 894-8239.

Sincerely,

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