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Dear Administrator Pruitt and Administrator Dunn,

Thank you for the opportunity to meet with you both at EPA Headquarters on Tuesday, May 22, 2018, prior to the EPA PFAS National Leadership Summit. I am also incredibly grateful for the invitation to have a seat at day one of the National Summit and represent the voice of impacted community groups across our nation living with the reality of PFAS water contamination.

I was encouraged by your strong commitments to taking action on the wide spread PFAS contamination millions of Americans are facing today. Sadly, PFAS contamination has been an issue in this country for a very long time and impacted communities need a coordinated and consistent action plan from multiple federal agencies and we need action now. PFAS contamination is a public health crisis and sadly more communities continue to discover their contamination of these legacy chemicals that have and will continue to impact multiple generations to come due to their persistent and bioaccumulative properties.

As we discussed in our face to face meeting, communities need stricter and lower MCLs for all PFAS to minimize our exposure and we need all PFAS to be classified as hazardous materials so polluters and responsible parties can be held accountable for the contamination harming millions of Americans. We also need the immediate release of the ATSDR report that will recommend lower and safer levels for PFAS than the current EPA Lifetime Health Advisory of 70 ppt. I understand your position that you do not have the authority to release the study of another federal health agency. However, I call on the EPA to please be publicly supportive of the appropriate federal health agency to release the study immediately as we can all benefit from the scientific data and findings in the report. We must put the public health of millions Americans before politics and the fear of a "public relations nightmare".

I am also encouraged by your commitment to engage with impacted communities by hosting several EPA regional meetings across the country this summer. I am very much looking forward to being an active participant and presenter in the first scheduled regional meeting being hosted in New England in my home state of New Hampshire later this month. Myself and other community leaders have been actively collaborating with EPA Region 1 staff to make this a very powerful and successful meeting. You have my personal commitment to bringing strong representation of community groups in our region to personalize our stories and clearly state the action steps we need from the EPA to address PFAS contamination. The New England community groups are taking a lot of pride in Region 1 being the first meeting site for the EPA and vow to show leadership that will set the bar high for a positive tone and community centered meeting focused on gathering community input for the EPA National PFAS Management plan that will be developed for the Fall of 2018.

Although I wish more communities could have been represented in DC at the summit, I look forward to the strong community representation at the regional meetings this summer. The impacted communities are critical stakeholders and key members of the team that can help shape solutions to this national public health issue. It is imperative EPA take the input of the very people facing and living with PFAS contamination and develop a plan that will take swift action that prioritizes the needs of communities to protect public health. There is an opportunity here for your administration to make history with positive and life altering changes at the federal level that will protect the health of millions of Americans. We are counting on you to take a leadership role, follow through on your commitments, and help us work towards solving this longstanding, devastating, and widespread crisis.

Thank you again for the face to face meeting in DC and for inviting me to day one of the summit. And thank you for your strong commitments to bringing action. I look forward to your leadership and ongoing collaboration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrea Amico". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Andrea Amico
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