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EPA Administrator Judith Enck
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Dear Administrator Enck:

I am writing to you on behalf of hundreds of families in my district who lack access to clean water due to the lingering effects of the Hopewell Precision Groundwater Contamination site. These residents have suffered for many years searching for a source of clean water to free them from their polluted wells.

Recently, local authorities identified a potentially viable source of water in the Town of East Fishkill. This find on the Town's Cannon property represents the best chance yet for resolution of this issue. As we await a final report confirming the site's viability, I urge you to join me in supporting the fastest possible solution to this issue and committing to ensuring residents' access to clean, high-quality water.

In the likely event that the final test confirms the Cannon property's sufficient capacity to provide clean water, I ask the EPA to use its Superfund budget to pay for the construction of a new facility at the site to extract and deliver the water. I also urge the EPA to continue funding the installation and maintenance of systems designed to protect residents from harmful chemicals as we await the completion of long-term fixes, like the construction of a new facility.

It has been over 30 years since authorities first discovered the contamination. It's been more than seven years since the Hopewell Precision site was added to the EPA's Superfund National Priorities List. I applaud the EPA for recognizing the importance of this issue by adding Hopewell to its list of national priorities. I hope you will join me in expressing the fundamental belief that all people deserve access to safe water and a desire to achieve a permanent solution on behalf of those affected Hopewell families.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and I look forward to working together. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need additional information.

Sincerely,



Sean Patrick Maloney
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