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Sharon Watkins, PhD Co-Investigator
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Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH)
625 Forster Street, 9th Floor
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Dear Dr. Watkins,

In my role as State Senator for the 7th Senatorial District, I am writing to you on behalf of my constituents in Upper Dublin Township, located directly downstream from the former Willow Grove Naval Air Station.

It has been well documented that Upper Dublin's water supply has been contaminated by PFAS from the Air Station. As a result of this contamination, Aqua PA took two Upper Dublin wells off line, the Aidenn Lair Well (8/7/2018) and North Hills Well (7/26/18), due to concerns raised over elevated levels of PFAS at these locations.

I have been contacted by residents wanting to know if they are at risk for negative health related issues that have been linked to PFAS. They have expressed a strong interest in being included in the PA Department of Health's plans to apply for funding through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry multi-site PFAS study.

I respectfully ask the PA Department of Health to consider including the residents of Upper Dublin Township as part of these plans.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,


Vincent J. Hughes, Chairman
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