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VIA EMAIL ONLY

The Honorable Roy Cooper
Governor of North Carolina
20301 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Governor Cooper:

On behalf of the citizens of New Hanover County, Mayor Saffo and Chairmen Williams and Brown, I want to thank you for taking the time to join our conference call on Monday and for agreeing to visit the region next week. As I mentioned following the call, the presence of GenX in our drinking water is no longer just a Cape Fear Regional issue – this is a State of North Carolina, and perhaps even a national issue.

Since we did not have an opportunity to discuss some of our specific concerns on the call, I wanted to outline some of our remaining requests of you and Attorney General Stein. We respectfully request that, as our state leaders, you act swiftly and transparently as you respond to the following:

- Will the state immediately initiate studies on the human health effects of GenX?
- Are state regulators going to determine if, and at what levels, PFOA-related compounds and/or emerging contaminants beyond GenX have been discharged into the Cape Fear River dating back to 1980? What are/were the levels of the compounds and how long have they been in the water?
- Was it illegal for companies like DuPont and Chemours to discharge these compounds into the river?
- Are state and federal authorities investigating the legal issues? Will they provide more information to our community about possible legal action?
- Will these concerns listed above have an impact on the permit renewal process for the Chemours Fayetteville facility?

Additionally, we request that the state be more proactive in communicating the status of these and other issues regularly to our citizens. We all need the most up-to-date information from a credible and authoritative source. As you know, this issue has consumed the attention of our region since the beginning of June. The health and well-being of our citizens is job one for us, and it is essential that together we understand the situation and work to ensure that responsible parties are held accountable.

We appreciate the work of the state agencies thus far, and look forward to continuing to work together toward the answers to these outstanding issues.

Sincerely,

Woody White
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