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Mr. Christopher Ventaloro
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Re: North Carolina's Water Quality

Dear Mr. Ventaloro:

I'm asking for your Department's help to protect our communities from exposure to hazardous PFAS and 1,4 Dioxane chemicals.

As you know, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and 1,4 Dioxane are toxic chemicals linked to cancer, birth defects and other serious health problems. They're called "forever chemicals" because they don't easily break down -- 97% of Americans have measurable levels in their blood! Since there are currently no enforceable limits on PFAS or 1,4 Dioxane in our drinking water, this puts families throughout the North Carolina at great risk.

There is strong momentum for your Department to take action on PFAS and 1,4 Dioxane in North Carolina right now, especially with the two dangerous 1,4 Dioxane spills from Greensboro into the Haw River impacting Pittsboro's water, as well as the PFAS contaminated foam found in Falls Lake and the Neuse River in July 2021.

Please:

1. Propose and adopt a broad, spectrum-wide standard to regulate all PFAS as a class, including the no greater than 20 ppt (parts per thousand) standard and no more than 10 ppt standard for any individual PFAS.

2. Adopt the 0.35 ug/l (micrograms per liter) standard to regulate 1,4 Dioxane.

3. Include significant financial penalties for any violation of these water quality standards to deter chemical dumping.

4. Make it a crime for those that choose to violate these water quality standards and jeopardize our health.

Please do all you can to limit North Carolina residents' exposure to PFAS and 1,4 Dioxane chemicals in our drinking water and the environment!

Respectfully submitted,

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