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Dear Mr Ventaloro,

I listened to the public comment meeting a week ago or so. I have many concerns and I thank you for taking my comments here.

- E Coli: why are the standards limited to one region? They should be standard statewide so citizens know there is consistency all across the state.

- PFAS: It is criminal that there are no standards included in th tri-annual round of updates. With everything we know and the costs associated with health and clean up, to ignore this is a dereliction of duty. Waiting another 3 years for some movement is NOT ACCEPTABLE.
  - PFAS must be regulated as a class of chemicals, not one by one. Industry can easily get around a regulation on a few chemicals by making slight adjustments and calling them something else.
  - PFAS chemicals as a class should be regulated to 1pt per trillion.
  - PFAS polluters need to be held accountable for the damage they have caused. To date the cost burden lies with each community and taxpayers. This is completely unfair and another dereliction of state duty.

- 14 Dioxine - there should be a safety standard for drinking water across the state of 0.35. I understand areas are currently 200 times standard. This must be removed and enforced.

Who do you work for?

The state and all agencies should be protecting the health and safety of the public. The current standards and proposed standard changes DO NOT reflect this.

The state has a moral and ethical responsibility to NC citizens.

You must reconsider the above situations and make bold changes to put NC citizens above business interests. Our health and lives are dependant upon you.

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