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To Chris Venteloro and members of the Environmental Management Commission,

We are Jeff and Suzanne Davis, native North Carolinians who returned to retire in Pittsboro in 2016. Happily for us, our daughter, her husband, and their toddler son also moved to their first home in Pittsboro in December of 2020. However, the truth about Pittsboro's water contamination problems has changed our family joy to a shocking realization about the dangers of living here.

Recently, we have been alerted to the fact that we are ingesting 1,4 dioxane and PFAS via our drinking water supply, both of which regularly exceed health advisory limits. Our main source of drinking water is surface water drawn from the Haw River, which we have learned has a long history of being polluted by upstream textile industries and sludge land application from Greensboro, Burlington and Reidsville.

The stakes for our family health have grown exponentially now that our daughter is pregnant. Our family members-- young, old, and unborn-- have been exposed to these carcinogens due to the lack of drinking water regulations that North Carolina so desperately needs. We suddenly feel as if we have moved to a Third World country, putting our children at risk.

This July the Pittsboro water supply was endangered again by another chemical dump of 1,4-dioxane into our drinking water supply from the Greensboro region where preliminary sampling results showed levels of the likely carcinogen ranged from 543 ug/L to 687 ug/L in the wastewater discharge into the Haw River. These concentrations moved downstream to Pittsboro where officials were forced to turn off our supply. It has been over three weeks since this incident and the concentrations have yet to reach safe levels. In the meantime our entire town is being exposed to 1,4-dioxane and we have no idea what health effects this will have on us.

All surface water in North Carolina should be set to the same standards in order to eliminate the threat of industries discharging high concentrations upstream of water users like us. **We demand that the 0.35ug/L limit apply to all surface waters. Please also set PFAS limits we desperately need as a contaminated community! Our community deserves the safest standards possible.**

Please take immediate action to set standards that will protect us, our town, and our state by preventing industry from dumping volatile organic carcinogens into our waterway.

Sincerely,

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