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The Honorable Kathy Hochul
Governor of New York State
NYS State Capitol Building
Albany, NY 12224

Dear Governor Hochul:

As the State Senator serving and representing the 43rd District, I write advocating for the health and safety of families in the Town of Poestenkill, which is located in my district, in the wake of PFOAs detected in local drinking water.

The PFOAs were detected at levels in clear violation of State Drinking Water standards at the Algonquin Middle School in Poestenkill in January 2021. The finding of this contamination is incredibly serious and warrants the full resources and focus of our state government to address its origin and mitigate its impact. I have already written to the respective leadership of the State Department of Environmental Conservation and the State Department of Health asking them to determine the source of the reported PFOA contamination (correspondence attached).

Additionally, I formally requested that the DEC and DOH partner together to expeditiously begin the necessary testing and sampling of private wells throughout the community. It is imperative that the State assume all of the costs for the testing and sampling of local private wells and that this effort is quickly brought up to speed to test many more wells in the days ahead.

Accordingly, I ask that you make the provision of state funding for this testing a priority in your forthcoming 2022-23 Executive Budget proposal and, in the interim, direct the DEC and DOH to move forward in advance of the budget to perform all necessary testing and sampling.

Thank you for your prompt attention to my requests made on behalf of the Town of Poestenkill families to help ensure their health and safety.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daphne V. Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" and "J".

Daphne Jordan
State Senator, 43rd District

Enclosure: Letter to NYSDEC and NYS DOH re: PFOA contamination