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The Honorable Peter Lopez
Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency
Region 2
290 Broadway
New York, NY 10007

Dear Administrator Lopez:

I write on an urgent matter regarding the health, safety, and well-being of my constituents who reside in the Town of Nassau, Rensselaer County. Specifically, I seek to share my concerns with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) apparent unwillingness to comply with Rensselaer County's law that sets a maximum discharge level for 1,4-dioxane from County property.

Through the EPA's oversight, and based on the EPA's data, the responsible parties have been consistently releasing levels of 1,4-dioxane at the Dewey Loeffel Superfund Site water treatment facility in excess of Rensselaer County's common-sense standards.

I join with my fellow colleagues in state and local government — especially Town of Nassau Supervisor David Fleming, who has been a true leader and community champion on this vital issue — in strongly urging the EPA to take immediate steps to comply with these protective levels. I also ask that the EPA work with the community to ensure future compliance. Residents in the Town of Nassau, and all across Rensselaer County, deserve these important protections.

Before construction of the EPA's water treatment facility, there was no discharge of 1,4-dioxane into the Valatie Kill. We also know that there was not even testing for 1,4-dioxane at this site until community pressure forced additional testing for the contaminant. There is little confidence in the community for government remediation at this site when these violations continually occur. I strongly urge the EPA to immediately and directly implement protective measures at the Dewey Loeffel Superfund Site water treatment facility to keep 1,4-dioxane discharge under .35ppb as required by Rensselaer County.

Thank you for your consideration of my request made on behalf of my constituents in the Town of Nassau. Like you, I believe that ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of all New Yorkers is of paramount importance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Daphne V. Jordan'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Daphne Jordan
State Senator, 43rd District