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Dear Ms. Kane and Mr. Girvin,

I am writing regarding the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* article “Documents: Hopewell plant AdvanSix flagged by feds for repeated chemical releases” published on April 7. Based on this reporting, I am deeply concerned that constituents of the Fourth District of Virginia are being subjected to ongoing toxic chemical releases, with serious health implications.

The article describes how the AdvanSix facility in Hopewell, Virginia violated the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act 66 times over the past eight years, including monthly Clean Air Act violations every month over the past two years. The facility released toxic chemicals including sulfuric acid, sulfur dioxide, and phenol—which can cause respiratory, gastrointestinal, cardiovascular, and skin damage, as well as contribute to acid rain. Furthermore, chemical runoff in the watershed harms the James River ecosystem.

As the facility is located within a mile of over 900 homes, these repeated violations put the Hopewell community at unacceptable risk of increased morbidity and mortality. Notably, the life expectancy in Hopewell is more than five years lower than the average in Virginia.¹ The cancer mortality rate is almost double the state average, and the rate of hospitalization for asthma is three times the norm.

It is particularly troubling that these toxic chemical releases are not isolated incidents, but part of a longstanding pattern of violations. I look forward to receiving detailed information addressing the following questions on how AdvanSix plans to remedy these issues.

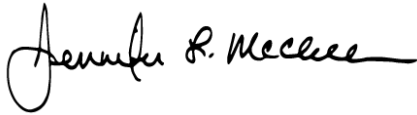
1. How will you change operations at the Hopewell facility to avoid future Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act violations?
2. How are you working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to come into compliance with federal and state regulations?

¹ <https://www.usnews.com/news/healthiest-communities/virginia/hopewell-city>

3. How are you addressing the environmental impacts of the most recent toxic chemical releases?
4. How are you planning to increase transparency and improve communication with the community regarding the risks to their health from these toxic releases?

It is the right of every Hopewell resident to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and live a healthy life. I await your response on the steps you will take to address impacts of previous toxic chemical releases and to prevent future violations of environmental regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jennifer L. McClellan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" being more prominent than the last name "McClellan".

Jennifer L. McClellan
Member of Congress