



# GRAYS CREEK RESIDENTS UNITED AGAINST PFAS IN OUR WELLS AND RIVERS

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

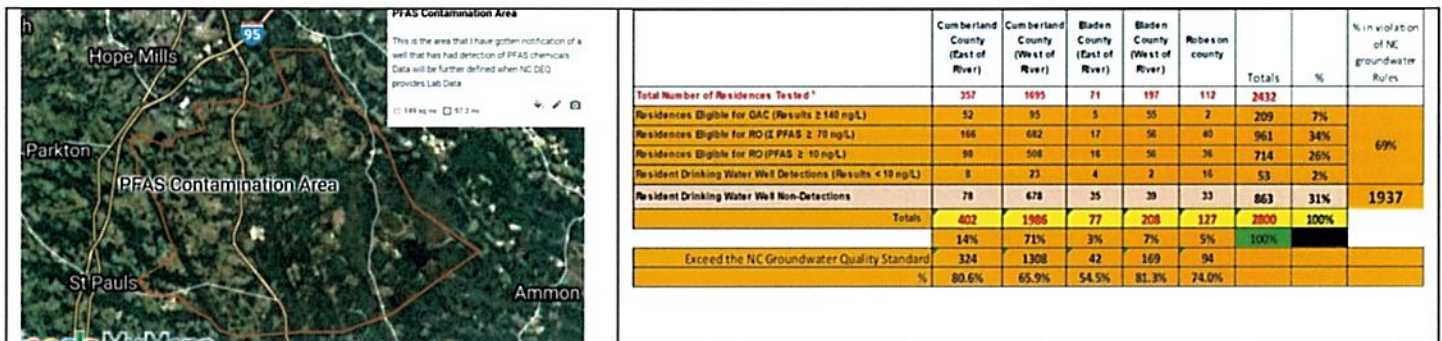
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SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Research Project

1. Our group consists of over 2,400 homeowners that live in the ten mile area surrounding the Fayetteville Works Facility. Over the last three years one question we consistently are asked what is the impacts to our health and immune systems. We do search the internet and look for answers, and have seen few human studies that have evaluated whether PFAS exposure modifies response to vaccines designed to prevent disease. As a PFAS impacted community we are specifically concerned about whether PFAS exposure increases our risk to COVID 19.

2. Many of the people surrounding the facility are known to have autoimmune issues and are very concerned about the potential intersection between PFAS and COVID-19 exposure. We did note that the Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry (ATSDR) had published information that was concerning for all of the residents in the known PFAS area with PFAS contaminated groundwater drinking water wells. This area around the facility is over 149 square miles and expanding weekly with over 3,300 wells with contamination out a little over 3,500 tested to date. We know as the CDC/ATSDR has noted that More research is needed to understand how PFAS exposure may affect illness from COVID-19.



3. We as a community would like to know if the affects of PFAS exposure may increase our risk to the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID19) disease and what would the response be from our systems should a vaccine become available. Our community of members already have PFAS known exposure based on the previous CDC testing of the initial 30 people around the facility.

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