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Dear Mr. Aquino,

Please accept this amended letter, which has now been co-signed by all of my fellow Wisconsin Environmental Health Network (WEHN) Steering Committee members. WEHN is a group of volunteer healthcare professionals from Wisconsin working in collaboration with Wisconsin environmental organizations to inform healthcare professionals, the public, and policy makers about the effects of environmental toxins on public health.

Thank you.

Ann Behrmann, MD

April 8, 2016

Dear Mr. Aquino,

As a pediatrician who is informed about the effects of Mercury on the developing brain in humans and also its effects on other species, I was discouraged to hear that the WI DNR has given conditional approval to the U.S. Army responsible for cleanup of contaminants from the Badger Army Ammunition Plant to increase the not-to-exceed values for Mercury in sediments from Gruber's Grove and to discontinue testing for 18 other contaminants. Knowing that the communities living around Gruber's Grove are well informed in general about the risk of elevated levels of Mercury in sediments as well as the presence of other known carcinogens/teratogens such as PAHs, PCBs and additional heavy metals, I would ask the DNR to hold a public meeting to discuss this change in DNR directives for cleanup to those most affected.

Please let me know of your decision about this public meeting, and, presuming the DNR would want to be transparent and protective of health for those living nearby Gruber's Grove, when and where this public meeting will be held. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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