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Lansdale Pa

Hope Grosse a lifetime resident – I think the most important is for you to hear from impacted community members.

I have had a lifetime of PFAS contamination in my body. I lived in Warminster for over 25 years, then moved to Horsham until 1990. In 1990, my father died from cancer at 52 years old. Three months after burying my father, at age 25, I was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, which for me has been a lifelong cancer sentence. Anytime something is wrong with my health, I am immediately filled with a crippling fear that it's cancer. This type of trauma does not fade away and psychological scars cannot be measured. It wasn't just my family, so many other neighbors passed from cancer and other debilitating diseases well before their time as well.

As a mother of two children, I have deep-rooted fear and guilt about what I may have exposed my children too through second generation health effects from PFAS. PFAS is passed through the umbilical cord...

what should have been nourishment for my unborn babies, was in fact poison. Do you know what that knowledge does to you as mother? Knowing that I could have poisoned my children? Our family has suffered lifelong devastation. AND WE ARE NOT ALONE. There are over 85,000 others in my community alone, that have possibly suffered some of the SAME devastation.

There are known PA health issues that are so devastating. If we wait a second longer to not protect human health and if nothing is done (if no rulemaking is adopted), people in PA are going to continue to drink contaminated water because the EPA is not going to do anything in near future. PA and other states have the responsibility to step in and take the initiative.

This is a state of emergency. Our State needs to take urgent steps with laws and MCLs. The proposed phase in is so lethargic with no excuse for it except it's not convenient for the state to put it in place immediately. Drexel's toxicology process took over a year...we all have been waiting while families are getting sick, fighting for their lives, emotional and physical issues, loss of time, loss of money the list goes on. AND all the components the state has put together and need are

ready to go so there is really no excuses to continue to allow contamination to go on for the next 2 to 3 years!

For instance, a fetus or baby or child exposed who suffers developmental effects can't undo the effects. It's too late. And you our state can prevent that exposure if you would implement quickly.

The strictest MCLs are needed and that Article 1 Section 27 of the PA Constitution demands it – we have the right to clean drinking water, WE KNOW this, and you must provide the most protection. Prevention is a solution. Protect Human Health and our most vulnerable, our children.

Please consider stricter rules and MCLs and more than just 2 PFAS... it is not enough. PA needs to be on the forefront, not at the back of the train. We know way too much. PA has been left behind, allowing other states to dump soil, toxic turf and many other toxins into our environment, and allowing PA to incinerate these deadly chemicals that will ultimately poison our air, water and food.