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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing today to formally request an additional public meeting to be held to discuss the permitting of the Romulus Deep Injection Well Site currently owned by Republic Services/ US Ecology.

Late in the afternoon on Friday, February 24, our office was made aware that this site was accepting hazardous liquid waste, including extremely toxic and carcinogenic vinyl chloride, from the train derailment site in East Palestine, Ohio.

This was done without prior warning, even to local officials. We were informed that because this facility had the permits to accept this type of material, no one had to be notified once Republic Services, the company who owns this site, had chosen to accept it. By working with all levels of government, we were able to get the shipments halted by that evening, but this never should have happened in the first place.

When the last public hearing on permitting for this site took place on February 1, a member of our staff was present, and we found it concerning that less than a dozen individuals were present at this meeting, including very few members of the public and no elected officials.

This has been a thirty-year fight, and we believe the community has a right to make their voices heard on a site that continues to bring hazardous waste into our area.

For these reasons and especially given the concerning recent events that occurred since that February 1st hearing, we believe an additional public meeting is necessary both to allow residents to make their voices heard and to have important questions answered about what this site may be taking in and its safety practices moving forward. We also believe this event needs to take place at a time working people can attend to allow for maximum transparency.

Thank you and we look forward to continuing this important conversation around keeping our land, our water, and our community safe.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Darrin Camilleri in black ink.

Darrin Camilleri  
State Senator, District 4

Handwritten signature of Reggie Miller in black ink.

Reggie Miller  
State Representative, District 31

Handwritten signature of Dylan Wegela in black ink.

Dylan Wegela  
State Representative, District 26