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March 1, 2021

VIA E-MAIL

Mayor Tim Kabat
CITY HALL
400 La Crosse Street
La Crosse, WI 54601

RE: PFAS

Dear Mayor Kabat:

Enclosed please find a letter from the Town of Campbell Board of Supervisors regarding testing of private wells and water supply in the Town of Campbell.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

cc: Stephen Matty

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RE: PFAS/Campbell

Dear Mayor Kabat:

Once again, the Town of Campbell is asking the City of La Crosse to do the right thing and protect the residents of our town from PFAS contamination which is proven to have resulted from the use of AFFF firefighting foam by La Crosse at its airport. The City's contamination now exists in more than 100 private wells on French Island, and that number is likely to grow with further testing.

As you well know, exposure to the PFAS released by La Crosse in its use of firefighting foam is extremely hazardous to human health. WDNR, U.S. EPA and others have found that exposure to PFAS causes increased cholesterol levels, decreases how well the body responds to vaccines, increases the risk of thyroid disease, decreases fertility in women, increases the risk of serious conditions like high blood pressure or pre-eclampsia in pregnant women, lower infant birth weight, kidney cancer, testicular cancer and thyroid disease. As you know, no safe level of PFAS exposure has been determined.

La Crosse must have all private wells in our town immediately tested to determine the full extent and scope of PFAS contamination. If all private wells were tested following our initial request on December 15, 2020, we would now know the scope and extent of contaminated drinking water in the Town of Campbell. The City of La Crosse Department of Public Works has approved additional funding for PFAS investigation. La Crosse needs to do this testing now. Also, we request copies of all sampling that La Crosse has done or will do on French Island, whether at private wells or other test wells in our town.

Complete test results are critical to protect our residents and to work toward a resolution to ensure every resident has safe drinking water. Every day the City delays testing, is a day that 4,000 men, women and children are potentially poisoned by PFAS contamination. Our 4,000 residents are relying on you to do the right thing and test all of our private wells immediately.

La Crosse is also responsible for a long-term alternative supply of safe water to our citizens. We request that you provide bottled water to each of our residents with PFAS in their well now until a more permanent solution can be found. The Town of Campbell Board also requests that the City reimburse the Town for the cost of testing for our three public buildings (Library, Community Center, and Town Hall). We request bottled water to be provided for each of our town buildings, all of which have tested positive for PFAS.

Sincerely,

Town of Campbell Board of Supervisors

cc: Attorney Stephen Matty