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Dear Mr. Towle,

You can disregard this letter if you want to, but I had to write and mention what I know and have heard in over 6 meetings, some being televised in Md. and Pa. I don't like to write letters, especially away from work.

I was at the EPA Meeting at the Littlestown High School on the Keystone Work Plan. After the meeting, we ran into each other, spoke for a few minutes and shook hands, I have a mustache, glasses and wore a trench coat (that could have been 12 other people there). I mentioned working as a Computer Specialist, GS-12/8 at Social Security Admin. Computer Center at Woodlawn.

Living 4 miles SE of Keystone and from attending 6 or more meetings, PACE, CURE, DER, EPA, etc. geologically my family is in a better location than some, but every other day we run our distiller (takes 7 hours to get 1½ gallons). For over 5 out of 7 years, since we moved here we used tap water, my wife and I both have high blood pressure, mine from work, but hers?

My daughter is 17 and she had high blood pressure for awhile, plus have a son, 6 yrs.

I heard everyone at the EPA meeting, I had a speech written, but you would not have liked it and decided then was not the time.

At my work, I met a man, a high grade, who had worked for the EPA for many years, twice once at lunch and once over coffee we talked, I mentioned Keystone, he told me about some of the EPA from the inside, I have not forgotten it. Hope he was wrong because I remember every detail and I, too, work for paper mill. I have not read the actual report, though listened to everything that the three of you said.

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Having been to PACE meetings, plus 2 in Hanover, PA, 1 in Littlestown, PA and several in Silver Run, MD., these people are not emotional, they are capitol MAD, they shout and scream!! I took my family to see it, last month. Here are some things heard, plus questions.

1. I know this is a 2 year study, they are now expanding.
2. With the expansion, to the east, will the 3 mile radius end up as 5 miles, 7 miles or 10 miles?
3. Will I be forced to move south to escape it?
4. One man who lives near Keystone saw a truck with Michigan plates go in there. I was next to him at a TV meeting, he mentioned it, before he shouted at the Maryland Environmental experts (he is a lot bad).
5. My neighbor who has been in the area for decades and knows farmers around Keystone heard trucks from Ohio dumped there.
6. Is Keystone tied to organized crime? Have heard this numerous times.
7. A nice lady from Adams County has spoken to us numerous times. While she was showing when gloop (?) come from the showers head,

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she took a sample to her husband at work saying "Here is your water!" Now she is scheduled for biopsy at a hospital.

8. A PA mother who still came down with a disease, eventually matched the symptoms with one of the chemicals in their well. After using only bottled water he got better.

9. How come I was told at the EPA meeting by a couple, that some families had trouble with their kids itching terribly after a bath and had to be sedated down. We have also noticed the itching.

10. On the Carroll County Times and at a PACE meeting, a farmer next to Keystone fed half his cattle well water and the other half touched in water, which ones do you think were sick? Keystone had pumped their test well on his property.

11. Also Charles Carroll Elementary School, in Silver Run, where my kids go to school, where does their water come from?

12. My neighbor always tell me what is going on, are we [redacted] sold down the river? (excuse the pun).

As I told you before Good Luck we will be watching and not sitting still.

Respectfully yours

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