



Environmental Protection Agency  
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Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Johnson,

I call on the Environmental Protection Agency to provide the American public with a comprehensive analysis of the pharmaceutical contaminants in public drinking water. In addition to identifying potential health risks that may have been created by this situation, I look forward to steps the EPA will be taking to ensure my constituents can be confident in the safety of Philadelphia's tap water.

I was shocked to read in this morning's paper that the quality of drinking water available to my constituents may have been compromised by pharmaceuticals or byproducts. While these medicines, including those for pain, infection, high cholesterol, asthma, epilepsy, mental illness and heart problems, may have only been found in trace amounts, this news is nonetheless disconcerting.

Over the past three decades, the Environmental Protection Agency has earned a well-deserved reputation as the guardian of many facets of our natural environment. Nowhere has this defense been felt more tangibly in the City of Philadelphia than with the protection of the air we breathe and the water we drink.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my Legislative Assistant, Liz King, at (202) 225-4001 with any questions. My office will be following up shortly on this request for information.

Very truly yours,  
*Chaka Fattah*  
Member of Congress

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