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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

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Dear Mr. Sussman:

I am writing to confirm that on October 14, 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received a petition from you as counsel for these petitioners – Center for Environmental Health, Cape Fear River Watch, Clean Cape Fear, Democracy Green, Toxic Free NC and the NC Black Alliance – pursuant to Section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The petition "requests that [EPA] require health and environmental effects testing on 54 Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) manufactured by The Chemours Company (Chemours) at its chemical production facility in Fayetteville, North Carolina." The petition also "seeks issuance of a rule or order under Section 4 of TSCA compelling Chemours to fund and carry out this testing under the direction of a panel of independent scientists."

Section 21 of TSCA provides that the EPA Administrator shall either grant or deny a petition within 90 days (January 11, 2021, for your petition) after the date of filing. Section 21 further provides that, if the Administrator grants the petition, the Administrator shall promptly commence an appropriate proceeding and that, if the Administrator denies the petition, the Administrator shall publish the reasons for such a denial in the Federal Register. The above-mentioned petition is under review by the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), which is responsible for programs under TSCA.

If you have questions relating to the petition, please contact Daniel R. Ruedy of my staff by telephone at 202-564-7974 or by email at ruedy.daniel@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Yvette T. Collazo Director Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics