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February 1, 2016

Senator Charles E. Schumer  
United States Senate  
Leo O'Brien Building, Room 420  
Albany, NY 12207

Dear Senator Schumer:

Thank you for your letter, received on Jan. 28, 2016. I'm not just the President and CEO of Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics. I grew up locally, about 20 miles from Hoosick Falls, and still have deep roots in, and history with, the area.

We share your concerns and have been addressing this matter promptly, proactively and openly to achieve what is the number one priority for all of us: the health and welfare of the residents of Hoosick Falls and Saint-Gobain employees, many of whom live in the village.

Since Saint-Gobain learned of the presence of PFOA and alerted the U.S. EPA in December 2014, we have been committed to working with all local, state and federal officials.

We also had the opportunity to meet with a member of your team, along with village officials, in Hoosick Falls in January 2015. We then met again in person with your staff member in January 2016.

We wanted to share a number of significant steps involving short-term and long-term actions we have taken or that are underway. Specifically:

1. Within the next two to three weeks, the village will have a temporary water filtration system for the community, funded by Saint-Gobain, which will provide clean drinking water to all residents.
2. For the past several months, we have been providing bottled water for residents and water filtration systems for institutions.
3. The long-term filtration system, again funded by Saint-Gobain, will be installed later this year. We will also fund the system's maintenance and operation.



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4. We will continue to cooperate with local, state and federal officials as health studies, investigations of the source of the contamination, further well testing and remediation options are reviewed. Following several other manufacturers who owned the property, Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics became part of the community in 1996. As the current owners of the McCaffrey site, we will continue to take a leadership role in ensuring the water in Hoosick Falls is safe for all, even though the liability has not been determined.

As the largest employer in Hoosick Falls, with approximately 200 employees, we are fully invested in the well-being of this village. As you so rightly pointed out, neither your office nor Saint-Gobain can do this alone. We must be willing to work together, with full transparency from all government agencies, to review all studies, analyze all options and focus on the most important goal: to ensure the people of Hoosick Falls have a safe and healthy place to call home.

To that end, I would like to suggest that we discuss this via phone as soon as possible. We also welcome an opportunity to sit down with you in person for further discussions.

We will reach out to your office so that we can work together to formulate a plan going forward that is satisfactory for the residents of Hoosick Falls, our company and the government.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Kinisky  
President and CEO  
Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics