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Dear Administrators Zeldin and Martucci:

For several months, the State of New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has performed testing at the Keyport Sanitary Landfill at the Aeromarine Industrial Park in Keyport, New Jersey to identify toxins and heavy metals present, as well as potential pathways to exposure for the surrounding residents. I am calling on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to perform additional community-based testing.

NJDEP has worked to the best of their ability to obtain quick and accurate results. Recently, external researchers released new results that indicate potential contamination of soil beyond the landfill. This independent data was not vetted or overseen by any government entity but raises genuine concern among residents that the EPA must take seriously. Now is the time for federal assistance to complete further testing in residential areas to determine the validity of preliminary tests and the safety of the communities in the area of concern.

EPA assistance with state-level testing is not uncommon. In 2023, EPA assisted the NJDEP in addressing uncertainties around the atmospheric pathways of PFAS contamination of surface waters. Through this effort, EPA's Office of Research and Development, the Office of Air and Radiation and federal partners such as the U.S. Geological Survey, developed a standardized method for nationwide measurement of PFAS in precipitation. This is just one example of the benefits of the EPA stepping up to assist state efforts to identify contamination.

The families I represent in Keyport deserve peace of mind knowing your Administration is doing everything possible to ensure their safety.

Sincerely,


FRANK PALLONE, JR.
Member of Congress