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United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5 Office
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ATTN: Anne M. Vogel, Region 5 Administrator

RE: Request for Independent Federal Review of Drinking Water Quality in Alexandria, Indiana

Dear Administrator Vogel:

I am writing to express serious concerns regarding the ongoing drinking water quality issues reported by constituents in Alexandria, Indiana, and to request independent oversight by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Since 2025, my office has received numerous complaints from residents regarding discolored water, potential bacterial contamination, and associated health concerns. Some residents have obtained independent laboratory testing indicating possible contamination, including E. coli and total coliform bacteria. These reports have raised significant concerns about the safety and reliability of the community's drinking water.

I understand that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and local officials have reviewed these concerns and maintain that the municipal water system meets applicable drinking water standards. However, constituents continue to report problems and remain concerned that their complaints have not been adequately addressed.

While I recognize the work already undertaken by state and local authorities, the continued complaints and conflicting information regarding water quality warrant additional independent scrutiny. Residents deserve confidence that their drinking water is safe and that potential public health risks are being thoroughly evaluated.

I respectfully request that EPA Region 5 conduct an independent review of the Alexandria municipal drinking water system, including its testing and monitoring procedures, the handling of constituent complaints, and the adequacy of state and local oversight. I also ask that EPA determine whether additional independent sampling, investigation, or corrective action is warranted under the Safe Drinking Water Act.

Protecting public health and ensuring access to safe drinking water must remain a priority. I would appreciate a written update on EPA's findings, any planned actions, and how residents' continuing concerns will be addressed.

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Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I welcome the opportunity to discuss these concerns further with EPA and IDEM.

Sincerely,

Victoria Spartz

Rep. Victoria Spartz (IN-05)
Member of Congress

cc: Indiana Department of Health (IDOH)