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Jerry N. Johnson, General Manager/CEO
Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission
14501 Sweitzer Lane
Laurel, MD 20707-5902

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing with regard to the sewer main break in Brookeville that is the subject of a Washington Post story this morning. This incident appears to involve a particularly serious sewage leak; I know WSSC is doing everything it can to identify and fix the problem and also contain the environmental damage and protect public health.

With the above in mind, please keep the Council informed as to the cause of the break, the measures you are implementing to address the immediate problem, and the steps you will take in the days ahead.

I assume you are already working in close coordination with the appropriate County departments and agencies as needed. However, if you need any further assistance, please let the Council know.

Finally, given that WSSC is operating under a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Consent Decree, which requires WSSC to complete a substantial amount of sewer infrastructure work by December 2015, please let me know how WSSC is progressing with this sewer infrastructure work and how these improvements will help reduce the likelihood and severity of incidents such as the sewer main break in Brookeville.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Berliner".

Roger Berliner, Chair
Transportation, Infrastructure,
Energy & Environment Committee

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