**Full Name of Official**

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**City, State/Province, Zip/Postal Code**

**Month XX**, 2019

**Subject:** Public Concern Around **(city/community/state’s)** Lead Contamination

Dear **Name of official addressee:**

I am writing to you on behalf of the **(name of community/state/city/school)** community and myself. I recently read the article **(“title”)** from **(*outlet*)** and learned about the lead contamination threats to **(community/state/city/school’s)** water. I am greatly concerned about this topic and from the article I’ve learned that “**brief quote from the article that highlights lead’s threat.”**

As a citizen/member of **(community/state/city/school)**, the news that our water may not be safe is deeply troubling and makes me fearful of the effects this may have on myself, my loved ones, and other members of our community who drink the water. According to the Center for Disease Control, even small, infrequent doses of lead can harm human health, especially for young children and pregnant women. I urge you, please begin the immediate replacement of all lead pipes in **(community/state/city/school)**.

Since this is not the field I work in, I’ve conducted my own research and learned quite a great deal about the dangers of lead pipes and other piping materials that I was not aware of beforehand. According to an article in *Environmental Sciences Magazine,* plastic piping may contaminate our water, too. The article states six common types of plastic pipes have been shown to leach 163 total chemicals, pesticides, hydrocarbons (crude oil), alcohols and other substances with long, confusing chemical names into water. Some of these particles are known to damage human health, including some carcinogens. For other particles, their effects on humans have not even been studied by experts in this space or the government. Even filters do not appear to serve as a long-term solution, since they can only slow lead contamination instead of eliminating it.

Other areas of America are facing the same problem and are taking steps to end the problem. Flint, Michigan; Providence, Rhode Island; Newark, New Jersey; Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; New York, New York and countless others are all replacing their lead pipes with new copper pipes. As the **(addressee’s title)** of **(community/state/city/school)**, I ask you to please follow their precedent and begin replacing lead pipes immediately with copper and help educate **(community/state/city/school)** citizens on the situation.

If you would like to read some of the research I gathered to write to you, please visit these webpages: [www.copperservicelines.org](http://www.copperservicelines.org); and <https://esemag.com/water/specifying-piping-materials-for-water-infrastructure-systems/>.

Thank you for your time and efforts as a community leader.

Sincerely,

**Full name**

**Signature**

**Personal Information**