



**Natalie E. Tennant**

Secretary of State  
State of West Virginia

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Honorable Tim Miley  
Speaker, West Virginia House of Delegates  
Room 228M, Building 1  
State Capitol Complex  
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Speaker Miley,

I am writing to you in regard to Senate Bill 373.

Our people are our most precious resource. On January 9, 2014, the chemical spill into the Elk River contaminated the water for 300,000 of our fellow West Virginians. At this time we still don't know the full long-term effects of exposure to MCHM.

Medical monitoring is the only way we can determine what, if any, effects exposure to this hazardous chemical will have on our people: our children, our parents and grandparents, and pregnant mothers. We must have medical monitoring. We cannot afford not to do this study.

Over 1300 West Virginians signed a petition calling for more information about MCHM and its impacts. West Virginians deserve this study. As one father who signed the petition wrote, "We are accountable for our children's health and future." Those words are true, and ring out loudly on this issue.

I'm respectfully requesting that you restore medical monitoring as part of the provisions of SB 373.

Sincerely,  
A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Natalie E. Tennant".

Natalie E. Tennant  
West Virginia Secretary of State