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Governor Rick Snyder

Dear Gov. Snyder,

On behalf of our constituents we urge you to act immediately to protect human health and the waters of the state from the ongoing discharge of toxic perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has identified Tribar Manufacturing, formerly Adept Plating and Plastics, as the confirmed source of extraordinarily high levels of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) sent to the Wixom municipal wastewater treatment plant and subsequently discharged into Norton Creek. Levels of PFOS in Norton Creek tested at 5,500 ppt on July 24; the MDEQ has set a standard of 12 ppt for surface water under Rule 57. Norton Creek feeds into the Huron River.

Tribar's PFOS discharge is indisputably impairing surface water quality and exposing humans through fish consumption, contact with foam, and drinking water. PFAS levels in Ann Arbor's finished municipal drinking water, sourced from the Huron River, are substantially higher than those recommended in the ATSDR's 2018 draft toxicological profile. MDHHS has issued an emergency "Do Not Eat" fish advisory for all fish in the Huron River and several connected bodies of water based on PFOS found in fish samples. Foam on the Huron River near Ann Arbor recently tested over 50,000 ppt for total PFAS. The Tribar Manufacturing plant is the only enforceable PFAS source that has been detected upstream.

The National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit for the Wixom wastewater treatment plant prohibits them from accepting Industrial Pretreatment Program discharges that result in passing through pollutants in excess of surface water standards. However, MDEQ officials have stated that they will allow Tribar to continue dumping PFOS through the Wixom wastewater treatment plant indefinitely while the factory works to reduce PFOS levels through filtration or other methods.

It is not acceptable to allow a known polluter to continue to poison our river even one day longer. If improvements such as filtration systems or new plating tanks are necessary to control PFOS levels in effluent, the MDEQ should require these before any further

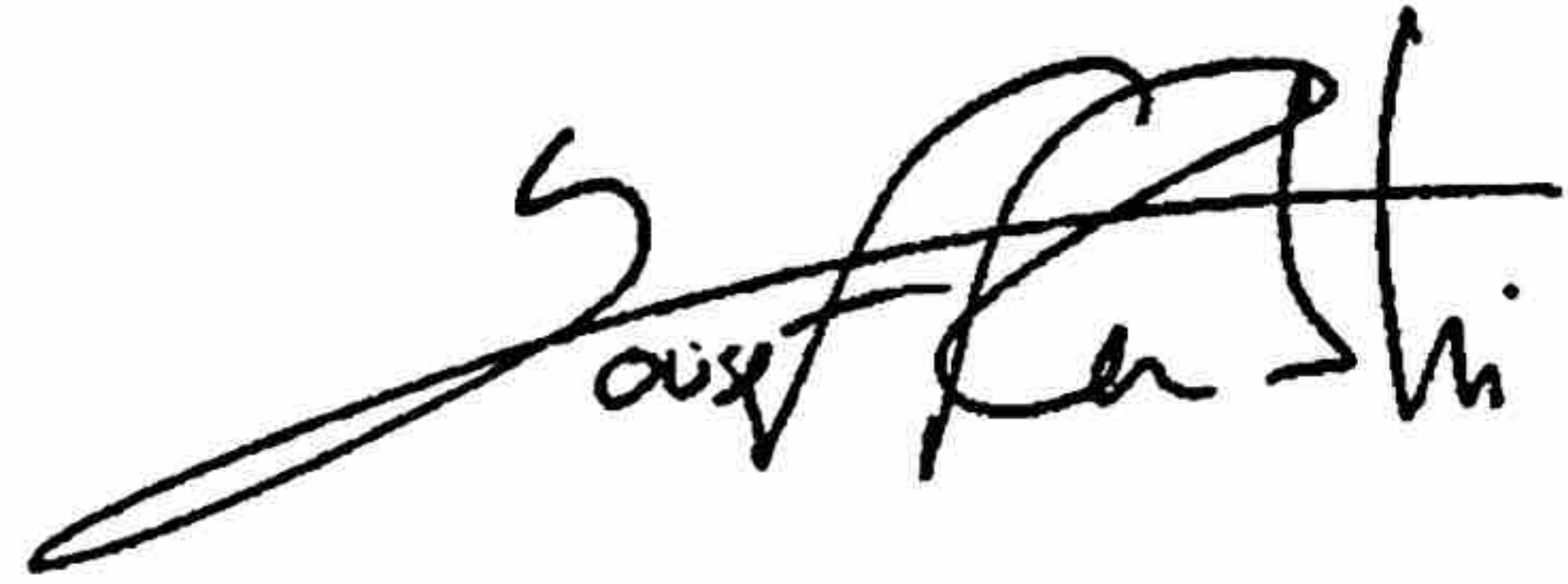
discharges are allowed. The Tribar plant must not emit wastewater until it can operate in a way that is consistent with environmental standards and the public welfare.

We respectfully call upon you to protect the public from further harm by shutting off this PFAS pollution at the source. These chemicals persist in the environment and accumulate in the bodies of both wildlife and people. This is a rare opportunity to prevent more of these toxic "forever chemicals" from entering our environment in the first place.

Sincerely,



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