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Dear Minister Halman,

Thank you for the letter, in response to my email, outlining the many ways your department has and continues to work on the important issues of Climate Change. However, this was not my concern.

As I explained in my email on Aug. 8th, myself, members of my family and neighbors are exposed to frequent overflows of the combined sewer system. Contaminated water has flooded properties and entered basements repeatedly (19 CSO's in three years). I am also very well versed in what the Municipality says they are doing with regards to addressing our crisis. A study, already three years in the making, due in December, is a long time coming. Repairing and updating infrastructure is still several years in the future. We will suffer more exposure.

My Concern: On July 11, during another 1 in 100 year rainfall (100+mm), I fell and was submerged in 3 feet of sewer/storm water. An 811 nurse recommended I go to the ER because I sustained minor cuts and scrapes and my eyes, ears, nose and mouth were in contact with sewer contaminated water. At the ER, I was administered the DTAP Vaccination and I had a blood test for Hep A/B.

My health care provider reviewed my blood work (no immunity) and prescribed the Hep A/B vaccination because I am at risk of repeated exposure due to the regular CSO flooding of my home and property. She also insisted my family members have the vaccination, if not already immunized.

My pharmacist informed me that the vaccine costs \$41 and 3 doses are required. She suggested I contact Public Health to inquire if this cost would be covered. I spoke with a public health nurse today and was informed the vaccination is covered for those populations deemed to be at risk: people exposed to repeated CSO are not covered. Why are residents regularly exposed to sewage contaminated water required to pay for this vaccination? The public health nurse advised me to contact your department and ask to immediately have the CSO at risk population added.

So, the office of the Minister of Health and Wellness referred me to the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change, my Healthcare Provider, referred me to my Pharmacist who referred me to Public Health who referred me back to you.

Residents in the Windsor Flood Zone are not responsible for the ongoing exposure to CSO nor are many able to afford to pay to immunize against this risk to health and safety.

Perhaps you could instruct our MLA to take the lead in securing financial coverage and expediting the process.

Thank you for your attention.

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