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Bill Madden
Director of External Affairs
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Dear Mr. Madden,

Clean drinking water is a human right, which is critical to the public health and well-being of all New Yorkers. Every hardworking taxpayer in the State should have clean, safe and affordable water. Recently, multiple residents have reached out to my office about the fear that their drinking water being supplied by Suez may not be safe to drink. These complaints are very troubling and have prompted this inquiry.

Complaints from Rockland residents describe the water coming out of their faucet as smelling, looking dirty like algae, tasting bad, and staining their sinks and tubs. People have expressed to me fear in letting their children and pets drink this water. This is of utmost concern and must be taken seriously, as Suez is entrusted with providing safe water for public consumption.

Residents have told us they have reached out to Suez about the problem to no avail, while others told us Suez said it was "just algae" or an "algae bloom." Some algae can be extremely dangerous and interfere with the drinking water treatment process. Can you please ensure that residents' drinking water is safe and that no additional cost to treat this water will be passed on to the consumer?

Please let me know the cause of these concerns, and what is being done to improve the quality of the water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Carlucci".

Senator David Carlucci
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