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Dear Mr. Crosby:

Following the incident on the evening of August 28, the purpose of this correspondence is to express concern for the safety and well-being of students and employees of West Virginia State University, West Virginia State Community and Technical College, my family, and citizens in the local community. At the time of the explosion at the Bayer plant, there were approximately 500 persons on our campus. Thousands of "State" students, faculty, staff, and alumni live in the Greater Kanawha Valley.

Your commitment to repair the emergency telephone at our 24-hour Work Control Center was greatly appreciated. Shortly after the blast, we initiated a direct call to your communications personnel and they responded as they gathered information. The emergency phone facilitated communication between our two organizations.

Still, there are concerns. While the personnel at the Bayer facility were dealing directly with the situation, the University staff was dealing with the residual effect of the emergency. The decisions we make regarding the safety of our students are influenced by the information that is provided. After the August 28th incident, I do not believe that enough accurate information was given in a timely manner. This

