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Matt Peerboom
President
Nippon Dynawave Packaging Company
3401 Industrial Way
Longview, WA 98632

Dear Mr. Peerboom,

I write regarding the fatal incident at your facility on May 26th. First and foremost, our community continues to grieve the tremendous loss of life and the profound impact this tragedy has had on the workers, families, and first responders.

I will continue to push for a full and complete investigation into what went wrong and how we can hold those at fault accountable. As investigations into the causes and circumstances surrounding the explosion proceed, however, many employees and their families face profound uncertainty. Beyond the emotional toll of this horrific event, workers are understandably concerned about their livelihoods and their ability to support their households during what may be an extended period of operational disruption.

I was relieved to hear Nippon's verbal commitment on May 27th that all employees will continue to receive compensation during the course of the investigation. Since then, Nippon has seemed to walk back that commitment, telling workers they'll only be paid through June 7. I write to request written confirmation that all employees will continue to receive pay and benefits for the duration of the investigation and any resulting work stoppage.

The workers affected by this tragedy are part of a skilled workforce built by generations of men and women who have made their livelihood in the woods and at the mill. Their experience and dedication is essential to the future of this facility and the forest products industry. This industry provides family-supporting jobs, stewards our forests, and produces the things that are worth having because they are made by people who take pride in their work. As a Member of Congress, I am committed to supporting these workers, this industry, and the communities that built them together.

My office remains available to discuss ways to support workers and facilitate communication with relevant government agencies as recovery efforts continue.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'MGP', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
Member of Congress