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To:

Office of the Region 5 Administrator

Debra Shore, Regional Administrator

Environmental Protection Agency

77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604

Subject: Investigate Gotion

Dear Administrator Shore,

As a resident of the Big Rapids area, I am deeply concerned about the impact the proposed 500+ acre Gotion EV battery manufacturing facility will have on our Muskegon River watershed. The Gotion plant is slated to be built atop pristine wetlands which are less than a mile from the Muskegon River. To date, no environmental impact studies have been provided, and EGLE has remained largely silent–as has our own local Muskegon River Watershed Alliance.

This project site is on a wetlands, in a rural Environmental Justice community, and the EPA has confirmed that there is no National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

In Marshall, EGLE allowed CATYL to cut down all the trees on the site before their permitting field agents came out to check the site for bats. We are deeply concerned about regulatory capture, and the failure of our state agencies to be able to properly protect our nation’s most precious natural resource: the Great Lakes watershed.

Eight Michigan legislators recently sent a letter to EGLE asking that they insist that Gotion provide environmental impact reporting and other documentation.

It is my understanding that the EPA has oversight authority over EGLE. I’m writing to ask you to investigate the Gotion project, and to prompt proper environmental due diligence to be performed.

Our rivers, lakes, and aquifers are precious. The idea that a project with this many harmful chemicals would be put atop such a vulnerable watershed, with no due diligence whatsoever, is appalling. I urge you to use your position to prevent the contamination of the Lake Michigan watershed.

Sincerely,

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