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United States Department of Labor
Office of Mine Safety and Health Administration
Attn: Ronald Burns, District Manager
2300 Willow Street | Suite 200
Vincennes, IN 47591

Mr. Burns:

On behalf of the residents of Madison County and the people of Illinois, I urge you to take all available action to address the June 26, 2024 mine collapse at Gordon Moore Park in the community of Alton.

As you are aware, because this incident is the result of an aggregate mining operation, the state of Illinois relies on your office to address an incident of this type. Illinois asks for expedited action, thorough transparency and consistent communication from your office. The people of Alton deserve safety and should be quickly alerted to any information regarding this collapse and potential future impacts. The community has the right to know of inspections and/or any violations that may have been cited to the operator, New Frontier Materials or previous owners of this site.

I offer my full support and assistance in this matter through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency's professional experts and emergency personnel. I have asked Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Natalie Finnie to coordinate our State's role in this ongoing response. Through the public service professionals of the division of Mines and Minerals – experts in underground and surface subsidence – I know your team will be well-served as we seek to protect the Alton community and hasten their return to normalcy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JB Pritzker".

Governor JB Pritzker