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The Honorable Lisa P. Jackson
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Dear Administrator Jackson and Director Frieden:

I am requesting the Environmental Protection Agency and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention immediately coordinate with the Florida Department of Health for an investigation into reports of a cancer cluster in a specific area of my state.

At least seven mothers who live in very close proximity to each other in a Palm Beach County community have children who have developed brain tumors, according to recent published and broadcast accounts. They live in houses reportedly fed by well water.

The residents there are calling for an aggressive investigation. Their community is located east of Lake Okeechobee and just north of Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. There are about 60,000 people calling The Acreage their home.

If one of us was living through the agony of seeing our child suffer from a brain tumor, we'd be doing likewise.

That's why I implore your agencies to investigate. I am attaching some of these published reports for your review and ask that you please keep me informed.

Sincerely,

