Good evening

Thank you all for taking the time to come here to our small town. I appreciate your commute today. It's usually myself driving to Albany to work. I really didn't know what to expect today. I've never attended a Senate hearing before. I've sat and listened now for hours. We've heard from multiple professionals from multiple agencies and capacities and other victims. One thing missing seems to be from a personal level. We heard from Mr. Michaels regarding health effects. I would like to share the impact of myself, a lifelong resident of the Town of Hoosick, and the effect of PFOA on myself and my family.

I was born in Bennington in 1967. I lived with my parents on Barton Avenue for the first 9 years of my life. My father was born and raised here and I like him love my community and chose to stay here to raise my family.

1967 – Born in Bennington, VT
Lived with my parents on Barton Avenue due east of St. Gobain
Village Water
1976 – Family moved to North Hoosick Road due east of landfill
Village water
1980 – Family cat – facial tumor
1992 – Married – moved to Troy
1995 – Returned to Hoosick Falls with my newborn son
Nursed son for 9 months
1998 – Our cat "Oliver" became ill
Took my son's pet to Dr. Genelis in Bennington to get better
Our cat was poisoned – source unknown
Our house cat never went outside
He had complete liver and kidney failure
I had to have him euthanized that day
My vet wanted to perform an autopsy
I couldn't afford that
Instead he had the cat food analyzed – no poison
I never thought it could be our water
2000 – Became pregnant with second child
I was diagnosed with high risk pregnancy
My daughter was diagnosed with chromosomal abnormality (possibly down syndrome, spina bifida, deafness/blind)
My husband and I were told not to spend the next 6 months of our pregnancy worrying
This was the longest 6 months of my life
Daughter was born, rushed off, cleared healthy
2001 – I found a lump in my throat at my daughters 6 week check up
I was referred to Albany Med for second opinion
I had a needle biopsy – thyroid checked and clear
2002 – I had been hospitalized with kidney stones
2003 – I was diagnosed with hyperparathyroidism
Could result in high calcium levels

Could cause stroke
2007 – Daughter diagnosed with autoimmune disease at age 6 – precocious puberty
2008 – Son became ill
Son diagnosed with autoimmune disease – diabetes type 1
Dozens of hospitalizations since
I was diagnosed with uterine fibroids
Resulted in anemia
2009 – Diagnosed with breast cancer
2 surgeries resulted
2010 – Osteoarthritis right foot surgery
Surgery on parathyroid and right side of thyroid nodules enlarged
Second thyroid surgery to remove remainder
2011 – Confirmed autoimmune disease – celiac disease
Multiple tests, scans, biopsies, appointments, blood work, medicine
Complete hysterectomy
April '11 Stowe, VT – cancer survivor symposium
Took my kids
Attended thyroid summer group
Heard Tony Sena from Tony Sena with genzyme
He spoke of odds of having thyroid cancer
Odds one in 3,000 (+/-)
I raised my hand and asked what were the odds of 8 persons in one high school class
He referred me to the CDC
I wrote to them and they responded
They stated it "wasn't uncommon for cancer clusters" in a community and local agencies would monitor
Dec. '14 Dog was ill and had multiple tumors on her body

We rented a home in the village from Nov. 2012 through Nov. 2014. Today was the first I've heard of a letter being sent by the village regarding the water. Our then land lord never provided us with a letter or notice of any water concerns. We purchased our home north of the village June 2014 and moved in Nov. 2014.

March '16 Family tested
Children's levels higher than mine
They are 21 and 15
My husband's level is the highest
He worked in 4 of the plants in town
He relocated out of NYS for 25 years.

I want to thank you all for staying today. I've been standing in the shadows throughout all of this. I've spoke with local politicians, many emails, phone calls, texts. We all hope these hearings are productive. We all hope that our children are cared for and are able to have medical monitoring. I'm almost 50 and I need to know my children will be cared for and hoping that what has taken place here in Hoosick Falls can be an example – a poster child have you, for what NOT to do in the future. I would like to think that our legacy will be how passionately we

defended and fought for our children and their children. I was talking to a woman at Cumberland farms this morning and I asked her if she was coming today. She said no. They can't do anything she said. I told her how sick my family is. She asked how do I prove it? I've got blood tests. How can you prove it's not? This has been a very humbling experience and my family is closer now. Thank you.