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Aloha, my name is Meredith Wilson and I was harmfully impacted by the jet fuel-contaminated water that poured through my faucets at my Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam home.

For some perspective: on this very date of Nov. 15th, 2021, my parents were checking in on my health since I'd been suffering relentless neurological symptoms since the end of October. My mom texted, "How are you feeling?" I replied that I took a walk around the neighborhood, but that "sometimes when I'd wash my hair would kinda make my eyes feel weird, like surroundings were moving...I know these are odd updates but it's all I got."

Little did I know that that shower was poisonous to my mind and body and the reason for my suffering. Also little did I know that my neighbors and friends were suffering with me. I thought I was alone.

After two years, there remains major points of issue surrounding how information is being formed & communicated:

Firstly,

- We ask that the drinking water monitoring results discontinue to say that "zero detections of JP-5" have been found. This is an unclear descriptor of risk. There are still many TPH detections happening. Just because it may not present as the exact chemical profile for one type of fuel, or be below the DOH's current EAL (which by the way has not been reviewed by EPA to my knowledge), doesn't mean that other contaminants or additives or corrosivity isn't affecting those water users. TPH in drinking water is not normal. WHAT'S IN THE WATER?

Secondly,

- How can the public be assured that the defuel line at Hotel Pier is not actively leaking or pushing out historical product like the Navy failed to report in early 2021? I understand that DOH has cleared it as safe for Defueling, but what is currently taking place to ensure the environment is protected there?

Also,

- What is the status of the third party DHA registry? At the last FTAC meeting in June, it was explained that this would be approved by DoD and maintained just like the lifetime Flint water crisis registry. We need a comprehensive program to connect & track us outside of the military DOEHRS list. How will this be accomplished and when?

And lastly,

- Where is the ATSDR on their epidemiological study? Has it even begun? We received the Exposure Assessment from DOH 5 months ago. Who is reviewing this to expand on the health impacts?

I want this committee to know that the affected families may have been dispersed throughout the country or even the world, but we are in this for the long haul because you put us here. We cannot turn a blind eye to the future of Oahu's precious drinking water that we once relied upon for our lives. Now, we'll spend our lives seeking accountability and change for future people who not only live on that island, but voluntarily sign up to serve this, what I still believe, promising country.

Mahalo and I pray for the safety and wisdom of all those involved in Defueling, Closure, and Remediation.