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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0902

Mr. Munir Abdallah
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Mr. Abdallah:

I am writing to express my strong disappointment with Georgia-Pacific's decision to close the Perry Foley Cellulose Facility at this time and in this fashion, and I offer my list of expectations from your company. As you are surely aware, the Perry community was severely impacted by Hurricane Idalia earlier this month. The decision to close the Perry mill comes as the community is still struggling in the wake of this devastating storm and before the damage to their community can even be fully assessed.

As such, after hearing from my constituents, I am formally sharing with you the below list of expectations. I fully expect Koch Industries' and Georgia-Pacific's cooperation with this list of priorities.

- **Extend health benefits, pay, and severance for at least six months-** The hardship on these employees extends far beyond the inadequate proposal by the company to offer these items until November. Not only will these individuals need adequate time to find new employment, but they are also doing so in a community severely impacted by Hurricane Idalia. Further, doctor's appointments are commonly scheduled months out so the offer to extend health benefits through November is wholly inadequate.
- **Offer Food banks for at least six months-** Due to Georgia-Pacific's decision, the basic needs of their employees are in jeopardy. With community resources in the area already severely lacking due to Hurricane Idalia, Georgia-Pacific needs to do its part in making sure that basic needs are met for their families.
- **Provide paid leave for access to job fairs-** Given the outrageously short notice on the closure of this facility, employees may need the ability to access job fairs to locate new employment. Georgia-Pacific must allow these employees to access this resource and receive full compensation for the time they were away from work.
- **Provide and pay for access to job training resources-** Many employees have spent a career in your facilities. As such, new skills will be required as they face a

tumultuous job market. Georgia-Pacific needs to provide these resources so these individuals can continue to positively contribute to their community.

- **Give the Perry Foley Plant to Taylor County-** This infrastructure is critical to the economic well-being of the community. As Georgia-Pacific exits this community without ample notice, they need to give the Foley Plant to Taylor County. The county will be best positioned to ensure a new occupant that will provide needed jobs in this area.

Again, I am extremely disappointed with Koch Industries' and Georgia-Pacific's decision to close the Foley Cellulose Mill. I have always thought highly of these companies in the past- unfortunately, this decision tarnishes those feelings. Koch Industries and Georgia-Pacific were once leaders in showing that a corporation with a commitment to family values can thrive in our great country. This is not how family treats one another. I expect your full commitment to ensuring these demands are met and remain committed to fighting tooth and nail for my constituents.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress