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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

The indigenous Anishinaabe community of Grassy Narrows, Ontario, has been hard-hit by mercury poisoning. The terrible impacts of toxic mercury dumped into the English and Wabigoon River system in the 1960s are still seen today. Because of government inaction, generations of young people have grown up with devastating health problems and the loss of their cultural traditions. In 2017, the federal government promised to deal with the mercury crisis “once and for all” – now is the time to make good on that promise. Restore what mercury contamination has taken from the people of Grassy Narrows. These young people and future generations must have the opportunity to grow up in a thriving community and a healthy environment. Pittsburgh is situated at the confluence of three rivers, and just last month we hosted a water ceremony led by North American indigenous leaders. We feel a strong connection to the Anishinaabe community and urge you to act as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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