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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**

April 28, 2020

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Loren Sweatt  
Occupational Safety and Health Administration  
U.S. Department of Labor  
200 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20210

Dear Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Sweatt,

I am writing to express my concerns on the troubling news of workers at the Patrick Cudahy plant in Cudahy, Wisconsin testing positive for COVID-19. Patrick Cudahy is located in my congressional district.

As we work together to help our nation through the COVID-19 pandemic our primary concern must be for the safety of our citizens, whether it's the workers at the plant or their families and neighbors who could also be put at risk through accidental exposure. As states work to flatten the curve, it is unfortunate that so many are still at risk of contracting the coronavirus due to unsafe working conditions. I was deeply troubled to learn of the outbreak at the Patrick Cudahy facility and the slow response of the management and local leadership regarding that outbreak. Many of the Patrick Cudahy workers live in Milwaukee's South Side, particularly in the 53215 zip code, an area that has seen a spike in cases in recent weeks. It is imperative that the facility remain closed until a plan that safety of the workers and the public can be implemented.

I urge you to conduct a thorough investigation into the conditions that contributed to the spread of the virus within the plant. It is my hope that your investigation will produce recommendations for food processing facilities to ensure worker safety while protecting our food supply during this and future pandemics.

Please provide my office with a copy of the report generated by your investigation.

Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gwen Moore".

Gwen Moore  
Member of Congress

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