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SENT VIA EMAIL

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Sherri Berger, Chief of Staff

Chief of Staff Berger,

As you know, the State of Ohio, along with many partners, is actively responding to the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio. I respectfully request that the CDC immediately send to the crash site expert medical assistance, including doctors and professionals who can evaluate and counsel members of the community who have questions and/or experience symptoms. This request for medical experts includes, but is not limited to, physicians and behavioral health specialists. Some community members have already seen physicians in the area but remain concerned about their condition and possible health effects -- both short- and long-term.

I am requesting all appropriate resources from the U.S. Department of Health and Human services and the CDC, including federal medical emergency response teams, for deployment to Ohio as soon as possible. We are available at any time to provide any additional information to assist in this request.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Very respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine
Governor

cc: Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff
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