Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

May 20, 2019

Leslie T. Lederer Interim Chief Executive Officer Verso Corporation 8540 Gander Creek Drive Miamisburg, Ohio 45342

Dear Mr. Lederer:

We are writing regarding the announcement that Verso Corporation is shutting down operations at Luke Mill effective May 31, 2019. We are deeply concerned about the future of the mill, its workers, and the surrounding communities. We would like to discuss these concerns with you before the scheduled shutdown of the mill.

Our constituents deserve to know what Verso Corporation's plans are for the future of the plant. The workers at Luke Mill, many of whom are represented by United Steelworkers, deserve to be treated fairly in negotiations with Verso Corporation. We believe Luke Mill employees deserve consideration that is similar to what Verso Corporation provided to recently departed President and CEO Chris DiSantis. The surrounding communities in Maryland and West Virginia need answers regarding the continuation of services that are now at risk, including water supply and wastewater treatment. The communities that have kept Luke Mill running since 1888 deserve better than to be left in the lurch.

We look forward to discussing these issues with you as soon as possible this week.

Sincerely,

Chris Van Hollen

United States Senator

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United States Senator

Benjamin L. Cardin United States Senator

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