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To the Esteemed Members of the County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you today deeply concerned about the environmental and public health implications of a recent sewage spill incident that reportedly released approximately one million gallons of untreated sewage into our coastal waters. This significant spill was not made public until five days following the event, a delay that has potentially put the lives and health of our citizens at considerable risk.

The coastal and marine ecosystems play a crucial role in maintaining our environmental health, biodiversity, and the well-being of our community. A spill of this magnitude not only disrupts these delicate ecosystems but also poses severe health risks to the public through exposure to contaminated water.

The delayed notification of the spill has prevented our community from taking timely measures to minimize their exposure and protect their health. We must understand the circumstances that led to both the spill and the subsequent delay in public notification to prevent future occurrences and to restore public trust in our environmental management and safety protocols.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the County Board of Supervisors conduct a thorough investigation into this matter including an assessment of the effectiveness of current sewage management and emergency response protocols in a sensitive habitat.

I appreciate your prompt attention to this critical matter  
Sincerely,

Stephanie Drake, Ph.D.