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Honorable Pete Buttigieg  
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Honorable Michael S. Regan  
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Honorable Amit Bose  
Administrator, Federal Railroad Administration  
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Dear Secretary Buttigieg, Administrator Regan and Administrator Bose,

I appreciate your work and attention to the Montana Rail Link derailment in Stillwater County. Your responsiveness over the weekend and thoroughness in investigating the incident is appreciated. I write today to express my concern and to request more information as the investigation continues. Please respond to the following questions by July 7, 2023 and as more information becomes available:

1. Why did the bridge collapse? Were regulations not followed or was infrastructure not inspected or renovated?
2. Do the contaminants released into the Yellowstone River, molten sulfur and asphalt, pose substantial threats to the local population or wildlife?
3. What precautions are you advising to mitigate the release of contaminants?
4. Do you have a timeline for the expected repair of the bridge and cleanup?
5. How are supply chain disruptions being addressed?

Finally, I urge you to work with state and local officials as you conduct your investigation and clean up. It is vital that the public is informed of all developments and any precautions they should take.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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