

**BRUSHWELLMAN**  
ENGINEERED MATERIALS

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Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

Thank you for sharing your concerns regarding Brush Wellman's environmental initiatives and our efforts to eliminate chronic beryllium disease (CBD) from our workplace.

Brush Wellman recognizes that a Columbus-based activist group, Ohio Citizen Action (OCA) has been conducting neighborhood door-to-door campaigns throughout Northern Ohio in an effort to discredit our company's good name and spread inaccurate and misleading information regarding the health effects of beryllium and about our operations at our Elmore plant in Northwest Ohio. During these visits, OCA has urged residents to write Brush Wellman and express concern.

We do not expect that OCA will provide the fairness and honesty that the residents of Northern Ohio deserve when they evaluate information criticizing a respected employer and long-time corporate citizen such as Brush Wellman. The very idea of Ohio Citizen Action using paid door-to-door solicitors to fill their treasury by exploiting our workers and by portraying our company as uncaring is truly outrageous. For these reasons, we feel an obligation to respond to these misguided critics, and share the following very important information with you.

First, I want to assure you that Brush Wellman has and will continue to work diligently to protect the health of our neighbors. In the more than 40 years we have operated manufacturing plants in Elmore, Ohio, and 20 years in Tucson, Arizona, no neighbor has ever been harmed by our emissions. We intend to see that none ever will be.

Second, CBD is not a community health issue. It is a work place occupational disease that is to this day not fully understood, despite our efforts to find answers. No one feels the tragedy of this disease more than we do and nothing is more important to us than preventing CBD among our workers. Our energy, our financial resources and a huge amount of time are focused on ending it forever.

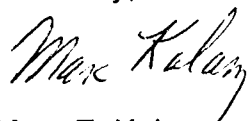
Given the challenges we face in safely manufacturing beryllium, you might wonder if its worth the effort. The answer is "yes" because beryllium saves lives every day. It is essential in products like X-ray and mammography, air bag sensors in cars, medical lasers, weather satellites and the national defense. We are determined to solve chronic beryllium disease while ensuring that life-saving beryllium products remain available to society.

We understand and support your interest in the environment and public health. Your letter and others we have received have asked that we "do the right thing." Like you, we have a deep and abiding commitment to protect the environment. We have and always will take very seriously our obligation to protect the safety and health of our workforce, our customers, and our neighbors. The enclosed fact sheet provides a summary of some of the more significant efforts by Brush Wellman to address both of these areas.

Brush Wellman is working hard to communicate the truth on these issues to everyone concerned. If you would like more information, you'll find it on our websites at [www.brushwellman.com](http://www.brushwellman.com) and [www.befacts.com](http://www.befacts.com).

Thank you for contacting us to express your concerns.

Sincerely,



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