

Lawyers representing Clyde families hold town hall

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It was an emotional night in Fremont.

"Nobody needs to tolerate this," a woman in the crowd said.

Dozens of families from Clyde and Green Springs made the trip to learn more about what could be making people sick in Sandusky County.

"There is no magic answer," Chuck Boyt, Charles E Boyk Law Offices, said. "We've just started the investigation. Our goal is to give these people some answers."

Nearly two weeks ago, 27 people filed a lawsuit against Whirlpool Corporation for wrongful death and property damage. Monday, people in those communities, yearning for answers, came out to learn more.

"I think there is definitely a connection to something," Kathy Mathews, a resident of Clyde said. "I don't know that we'll ever find out for sure what."

The lawsuit alleges Benzaldehyde, a suspected carcinogen used by Whirlpool, was found in the attics of homes where kids died. Warren Brown's home was one of them. His daughter, Alexa, died after a battle with brain cancer.

"When I laid down on a bed next to my daughter within weeks of her passing away, I made a promise that I would never let this go," Brown said.

Other families are in the same fight.

Both of Penny Foos's grand daughters are sick.

"We've all been a little worried," she said.

Now she and many others want accountability.

"If this is something they [Whirlpool] might have caused years ago, they should step up to the plate and do right by the community," Foos said.

Whirlpool released this statement about the lawsuit:

"We will vigorously defend Whirlpool, its employees and the community against these allegations. Whirlpool has been part of the fabric of the Clyde community for more than 60 years and we remain committed to acting responsibly."