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Dear Representative,

We are writing to ask you to cosponsor **Amendments #368** and **#404** that were filed for consideration as amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act.

These bipartisan amendments are important for addressing high levels of PFAS contamination found on nearby military installations. Amendment 368 requires the Department of Defense (DoD) to make information on PFAS contamination and cleanup available to communities. Amendment 404 instructs DoD to stop PFAS from spreading to offsite drinking water sources, rivers, and lakes. A summary of the amendments is included in the Enclosure to this letter.

Protection from PFAS “forever chemicals” is an urgent priority for drinking water and for lakes, rivers, and streams used for fishing, hunting, and recreation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

Background:

[Amendment #404](#) - Sponsors: Slotkin (D-MI), Kiggans (R-VA), Posey (R-FL), Lawler (R-NY), Carbajal (D-CA), Houlahan (D-PA), Jack Bergman (R-MI)

Background: The Department of Defense has over 500 sites with known PFAS contamination of water, but little progress has been made to stop the spread of contamination and protect the drinking water of our servicemembers, their families and the surrounding defense communities. This provision improves upon an existing DoD directive that requires the Department to evaluate sites to identify “early actions” to slow or stop the migration of PFAS. While the policy was a step in the right direction, it didn’t include any deadlines, nor did it require any public reporting or community engagement. Amendment 404 improves the directive by requiring DoD to publish a schedule for the implementation of “interim actions,” and improves transparency and community involvement. In recognition of EPA’s recently announced (April 10, 2024) drinking water standards for PFAS, Amendment 404 also requires that alternative safe water is provided when an on-base release of PFAS has contaminated nearby water supplies.

[Amendment #368](#) - Sponsors: Slotkin (D-MI), Lawler (R-NY), Posey (R-FL), Carbajal (D-CA), Houlahan (D-PA), Jack Bergman (R-MI)

Background: The Department of Defense has over 500 sites with known PFAS contamination of water, but many communities may not have been informed of the potential contamination of public or private water supplies. Most of these communities do not have experience with PFAS or DoD’s approach to cleanups. When information is made available to communities, it’s often in the form of long technical documents that are not helpful for communities that demand, and are entitled to, straightforward answers about the risks of contamination, DoD’s plans or schedules for cleanup, and how they (communities) can be engaged. DoD follows the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (or “Superfund”) approach for cleanup, which requires community engagement. This provision will assure that DoD achieves this statutory requirement.