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Administrator

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The Honorable Daniel T. Kildee
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kildee:

Thank you for your letters sent on May 14 and 18, 2018, regarding Per- and Polyfluroalkyl Substances (PFAS). I share your concern for communities across the United States that continue to deal with these substances and assure you the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is prioritizing this issue.

Over the past week, there has been much discussion about an unpublished study that focuses on certain PFAS chemicals. The Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is preparing this study and has the authority to release it. As with all issues related to PFAS, EPA is working with our federal partners to participate in a unified dialogue and to promote the development of science and tools so that there is a cohesive effort to tackle this important issue. But to be clear, EPA does not have the authority to release this study.

The National Leadership Summit that will be hosted by EPA tomorrow is a key part of our ongoing coordination with our federal partners. This will be a first-of-its-kind summit in which states, tribes, federal agencies, and stakeholders from across the country will come together to provide valuable insight and recommendations for addressing PFAS. EPA is providing critical national leadership necessary to gather all the relevant information and take cohesive action with our federal and local partners. The summit will include participation by the Department of Defense, HHS and other federal agencies.

As I said in front of a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee last week, we need more information, not less. And we need to take action to address PFAS. From the beginning of my tenure as Administrator, tackling the PFAS issue has been a priority. For too long there have been discussions, but no unified federal and state action. As you will find during tomorrow's summit, EPA plans to take concrete steps in cooperation with our federal and state partners to address PFAS and ensure all Americans have access to clean and safe drinking water.

Again, thank you for your letters. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Troy Lyons in the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at (202) 564-4987 or Lyons.Troy@epa.gov.

Respectfully yours,

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