Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
Acting Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

We are writing to you on behalf of communities we represent that are concerned about the presence of perfluorinated compounds in their drinking water. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can and should help these communities understand the risks they might be facing. We understand that you have undertaken efforts to engage impacted communities and develop a national PFAS management plan. But there is more that can be done immediately. The communities in and around Hoosick Falls, New York; Bennington, Vermont; Clovis, New Mexico; and along the Huron River in Michigan deserve access to the information EPA already has on these chemicals.

EPA has allowed many new perfluorinated chemicals onto the market since the launch of the PFOA Stewardship Initiative, many subject to consent orders requiring the development of test data. According to the presentation made by EPA at the National Leadership Summit on PFAS in May, EPA had approved nearly 900 perfluorinated compounds into commerce since 2006, including GenX.

In order to better inform our constituents, we ask that you provide answers to the following questions no later than December 21, 2018.

1. How many new perfluorinated chemicals has EPA allowed to enter commerce in the United States since the launch of the PFOA Stewardship Initiative? How many since the Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the Twenty First Century Act took effect?
2. How many, if any, new perfluorinated chemicals has EPA blocked from entering commerce in the United States since the launch of the PFOA Stewardship Initiative? How many since the effective date of the Lautenberg Act?
3. How many of the newly introduced perfluorinated chemicals were subject to consent orders requiring the development of test data?
4. Provide all studies and test results submitted to EPA pursuant to consent orders on perfluorinated chemicals, as well as the anticipated completion date for any ongoing studies.
5. How many of the newly introduced perfluorinated compounds were subject to limits on environmental releases? What monitoring or enforcement has been done to ensure those

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limits are followed? For each of these limited perfluorinated compounds, provide the locations where they are produced.

6. Provide all monitoring data tracking compliance with environmental release limits imposed by consent orders on perfluorinated chemicals.

If you have any questions, please contact Jacqueline Cohen with the House Energy and Commerce Committee Democratic staff at (202) 225-3641.

Sincerely,

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