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**WE ACT for Environmental Justice**

July 10, 2019

RE: Support PFAS amendments to NDAA

Dear Representative:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters nationwide, we urge you support PFAS reform amendments to H.R. 2500, the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2020.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances are “forever chemicals” that contaminate the drinking water of millions of Americans. This week, the House will vote on a series of amendments to H.R. 2500 that would begin to address the PFAS contamination crisis. These amendments will help us understand the scope of the crisis; address ongoing PFAS releases; clean-up legacy PFAS; and assist military families with finding solutions to health problems linked to PFAS pollution.

In particular, we urge you to support amendments that would:

- Designate PFAS as hazardous substances under CERCLA, the Superfund law (Dingell #537)
- Accelerate PFAS cleanup near military and other federal installations (Dingell #538)
- Require community notification of DOD PFAS detections (Turner #94)
- Quickly phase out military use of PFAS in firefighting foam (Dean #512)
- Set limits on PFAS discharges into drinking water supplies (Pappas #665)
- End the use of PFAS in military food packaging (Dingell #141)
- Expand water quality monitoring for PFAS (Kildee #7)
- Regulate incineration of PFAS wastes (Levin #352)
- Provide additional \$5 million for ATSDR study (Dean #518)
- Create an online health database for military members (Pappas #165)
- Require GAO to study DOD’s PFAS clean-up efforts (Kildee #159)

While these actions will not completely solve the PFAS crisis, they are important first steps towards protecting our families and communities from these toxic chemicals.

Again, we urge you to VOTE YES when these amendments are offered to H.R. 2500, the National Defense Authorization Act.

Sincerely,

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