

January XX, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
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The Honorable Steve Scalise
Minority Whip
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Minority Leader McCarthy, Minority Whip Scalise and members of the U.S. House of Representatives:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters, the undersigned non-governmental organizations write today to urge you to vote YES on H.R. 535. In light of the House Energy and Commerce Committee's full committee markup held in November, we share our enthusiasm regarding the passage of the amendment to H.R. 535, the PFAS Action Act of 2019. We further thank leadership for its commitment to bring this to the House floor for a vote this week.

With the recent passage in both the House and Senate of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of 2020, Congress missed an opportunity to pass key provisions addressing the cleanup of PFAS contamination and industrial water pollution for all communities. While Congress did make advancements in protecting military men and women and their families from PFAS contamination, others were left living with continued exposure to harmful chemicals. Every day military families still face legacy PFAS pollution, pregnant women suffer impaired fetal development, deliver underweight newborns, people are dying from cancer, and communities across the U.S. are kept in the dark as they unknowingly drink contaminated water.

Thus, while we applaud the work of the committee for taking this critical first step in addressing the growing PFAS crisis - Congress must continue to do better. Families and communities are relying on Congress to act swiftly, as PFAS contamination threatens public health.

We urge you to vote YES on H.R. 535 when it is brought for a vote on the House floor this week.

Sincerely,

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CC: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives