

November 14, 2019

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer
Senate Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
House Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Leader McConnell, Speaker Pelosi, Minority Leader Schumer and Minority Leader McCarthy:

I write today in appreciation of your efforts to include several provisions related to per- and poly- fluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

The American Council of Independent Laboratories (ACIL) is a trade association representing independent, commercial scientific and engineering firms with over 1,000 facilities in the United States engaged in testing, product certification, consulting, and research and development to enhance public health and safety. ACIL's environmental laboratory members test water, air, soil and other environmental media for a variety of environmental contaminants and represent 80% of our nation's environmental compliance testing capacity.

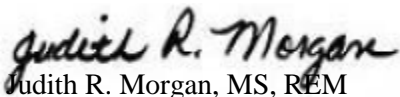
We recognize the potential public health, environmental and policy challenges posed by PFAS chemicals. As the conference deliberates, we urge you to retain the following sections within the FY20 NDAA:

- SEC. 6711. Additions to toxic release inventory
- SEC. 6721. National primary drinking water regulations for PFAS
- SEC. 6722. Monitoring and detection
- SEC. 6723. Enforcement
- SEC. 6724. Drinking water state revolving funds
- SEC. 6732. Performance standard for the detection of perfluorinated compounds
- SEC. 6733. Nationwide sampling
- SEC. 6734. Data usage
- SEC. 6735. Collaboration
- SEC. 6736. Authorization of Appropriations
- SEC. 6741. Definitions
- SEC. 6742. Research and coordination plan for enhanced response on emerging contaminants.
- SEC. 6752. PFAS destruction and disposal guidance
- SEC. 6754. PFAS research and development

Again, we appreciate your leadership on this critical issue and your consideration to maintain the sections noted above to address PFAS contamination within the FY20 NDAA.

Thank you for your consideration of our request and please do not hesitate to contact, Michael Oscar (ACIL's Legislative Director), at (215) 528-0268 or at moscar@acil.org.

Sincerely,



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