



State of New Hampshire

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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March 28, 2017

Dr. Patrick Breysse
Director, National Center for Environmental Health/
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
4770 Buford Hwy NE
Atlanta, GA 30341

Re: Pease Exposure Epidemiological Study, Portsmouth, NH

Dear Mr. Breysse:

We have become aware that there has been a significant delay in the implementation of any exposure analysis for the people in our area that were unknowingly exposed to exceptionally high levels of perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs) in drinking water at the former Pease Air Force Base located in Portsmouth, NH. The population exposed includes many children that attended daycare at Pease. Some of the children have levels of PFCs 9 to 10 times higher in their blood than children who have not been exposed and look to only increase those levels over their lifespan. This situation has left parents distraught about the potential future health impacts their children are facing without guidance from regulatory officials. Additionally, adults have higher than average levels of PFCs in their blood, some of whom we have met are currently ill.

The blood testing was initiated in 2015. These residents have been left for two years now without assessment of the potential health impacts or detailed information about biomonitoring for the impacted community. This past week we learned that the Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry (ATSDR) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Community Assistance Panel (CAP) meeting was once again delayed (last two meetings canceled) without a firm date rescheduled. We request the support from the Senator relating to the progress of this program.

We really appreciate your attention to this matter. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Representative Mindi Messmer at 603.498.8847 or mindi.messmer@leg.state.nh.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mindi Messmer".

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