The Honorable Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

United States Senate

Washington, D.C. 20510

August 24, 2017

Dear Senator\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I live in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, NH. As you consider the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2018 (FY18), I urge your support for Section 1060B in the House-passed bill and Section 343 in the Senate version. These provisions authorize a study on health implications of per-and polyfluoroalkyl substance contamination in drinking water.

Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) are byproducts of aqueous film forming foam (AFFF), a firefighting agent used at hundreds of military sites across the nation. These chemicals are known to bioaccumulate in the body, and have been linked with serious adverse health effects, including cancers, liver disease, high cholesterol, and low birth weight. Because of their widespread use and their reluctance to degrade once released in the environment, PFAS has seeped into groundwater, causing thousands of people surrounding military sites to be exposed to these toxic chemicals in their drinking water.

Given the widespread nature of these chemicals and the persistence in the human body, impacted community members are calling for a national healthy study to better understand the health implications now that a significant number of people have been exposed to PFASs through drinking water. I am impacted personally \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. This study is important to me because\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Please vote in support of the NDAA, which include these vital provisions. Furthermore, once this bill has been passed, we urge your support in ensuring that resources are appropriated to fund this very important national health study.

It's unfortunate that thousands of Americans have been exposed to contaminated drinking water surrounding military sites. We can't undo this tragic situation, but we can approve legislation, like the FY18 NDAA, that will fund a national health study to help the community better understand that health impacts and contribute to the science on these dangerous chemicals. Given that so many Americans have been exposed to these chemicals, it is critical we identify health impacts to provide early detection of disease, education to impacted community members, and promote wellness in the exposed population.

Thank you for your consideration of this very important public health issue impacting our nation.

Sincerely,

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