

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Lee Zeldin
Administrator
Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Administrator Zeldin:

We write to express our concern regarding the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent proposal to significantly narrow the scope of the 2023 PFAS reporting and recordkeeping rule under Section 8(a)(7) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). We think this proposal undermines our collective efforts to ensure transparency, accountability, and protection for communities impacted by per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), commonly known as "forever chemicals."

When finalized in October 2023, the PFAS reporting rule marked a milestone in the federal government's actions to address the PFAS contamination crisis. For the first time, manufacturers and importers were required to provide comprehensive information to EPA about PFAS manufactured or imported between 2011 and 2022, including data on uses, production volumes, byproducts, exposures, and existing information on health and environmental effects. This rule was designed to close information gaps that have hindered industry's accountability to the public and EPA's ability to understand the full scope of PFAS contamination and protect public health.

The data collected under the 2023 rule promised to address dangerous gaps in understanding that will help inform EPA, state local, and tribal governments, and the public, who for far too long have been only learned of the PFAS contamination after being exposed to these toxic chemicals. These reporting requirements reflect Congressional intent. They provide EPA with the tools needed to identify, assess, and mitigate risks of these concerning chemicals before they harm people or ecosystems.

This EPA proposal to roll back these key provisions is deeply troubling. The proposed exemptions, which cover imported articles, PFAS in mixtures or products at concentrations of 0.1 percent or lower, certain byproducts and impurities, non-isolated intermediates, and chemicals used in research and development, would exclude large portions of PFAS manufacturing, and import activity from public reporting. By allowing such exemptions, EPA is eroding the 2023 rule and depriving both regulators and communities of critical data on the presence and use of PFAS in consumer products, industrial supply chains, and our environment.

As you know, PFAS contamination is prevalent in communities nationwide, and research continues to show links between PFAS exposure and cancer, liver damage, immune suppression, and developmental harm. Transparency about where PFAS are being used, produced, or imported is necessary to prevent further harm. Weakening these reporting requirements would only serve to further industry's strategy of hiding information from communities and regulators and ensure that working families continue to grapple with harms as a result of PFAS exposure.

We urge EPA to reconsider this recent proposal and maintain the rule promulgated in 2023. The 2023 PFAS reporting rule provided a foundation for informed, science-based decision-making and reflected the commitment of Congress and EPA to tackle PFAS contamination head-on. Rolling back these standards will undercut years of progress and weaken an essential tool to understand and control PFAS exposure.

Thank you, and the American people deserve full transparency about chemicals that may affect their health and environment.

Sincerely,



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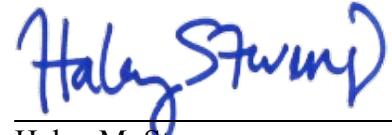
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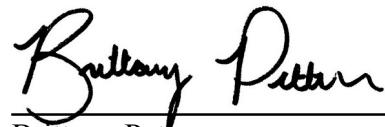
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