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The Honorable Debbie Dingell
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Dingell:

Thank you for your September 7, 2018, letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in support of the agency's efforts to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in Michigan and across the nation. The EPA shares your concerns, which is why my staff and Region 5 staff have been working closely with Michigan and others across the country to take immediate and impactful actions to address this issue.

We are happy to hear from you that Michigan is interested in hosting a meeting in the state that allows for engagement with stakeholders in the community on this important issue. As you know, from day one, the EPA has been committed to hearing directly from affected communities, including communities in Michigan, and the agency appreciates the delegation's interest and offer of assistance in helping to coordinate a visit in the very near future.

Since the National Leadership Summit in May 2018, the EPA has worked to balance its desire to hear from as many communities as possible with the need to move thoughtfully, but expeditiously to develop a national PFAS management plan. As the EPA turns its attention to drafting the management plan, I want to be clear that the agency and the regional offices will continue to be in the field with our state and local partners to assist affected communities. I am pleased that we will be starting this next phase of outreach in Michigan. Additional information on the EPA's future efforts will be outlined in the management plan, which will be available later this year.

Again, thank you for your letter and your shared commitment to working together to address these issues. We look forward to working with you and the state of Michigan on setting up this visit. If you have further questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Matt Klasen in the EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at klasen.matthew@epa.gov or (202) 566-0780.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Ross".

David P. Ross
Assistant Administrator