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The Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
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Administrator Pruitt:

The Health and Human Services report concerning PFOA and PFOS contamination of drinking water must be publicly released without delay. Publishing the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Study is vital to informing Americans as to the dangers of exposure to these toxins.

My community of Dayton, Ohio is anchored by Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Beyond being the largest Air Force Base in the world, Wright-Patt in on the leading edge of keeping America safe. Our air base, like many other military installations around the nation, has recently dealt with the detection of PFOA and PFOS in groundwater, which may be threatening our municipal water supply.

To date, my community's leaders have rallied with Wright-Patt on this issue. PFOA and PFOS were first discovered in our water in December 2015. We have acted according to the EPA's 2016 lifetime health advisory of 70 part per trillion of PFOS and PFOA in groundwater.

If this study finds, as reported, that this is no longer an accurate level of safety for our drinking water, Congress and our constituents need to know immediately so we can begin to address it. Congress has already acted to end the use of these chemicals on military bases, but at least 126 military installations have reported having PFOS and PFOA in their drinking water. This is a matter of public health and safety for each of these communities.

I trust you appreciate the urgency of my request and look forward to working with the Administration on this issue in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael R. Turner".

Michael R. Turner
Member of Congress

CC: President Donald J. Trump