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The Honorable Daniel T. Kildee  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Kildee:

To demonstrate leadership in the protection of public health against per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), Administrator Pruitt hosted a historic national summit with representatives from over 40 states, territories, and tribes to identify actions the Agency can take to address this major health concern.

Staff from your office reached out to my staff on May 18, 2018, and requested to attend the PFAS summit. It is important to note that at no point did your staff indicate that you were personally interested in attending this event. My staff worked diligently to honor your staff's request. Just a few hours after your staff's May 18 email, my staff confirmed in an email that your staff was added to the invitee list for May 22, the date on which EPA had invited representatives from all 50 states as well as tribes and territories, 20 federal agencies, Congressional staff, associations, industry groups, and non-governmental organizations. ("Good news: You can certainly join us for the PFAS Summit next Tuesday [May 22].") I trust you understand our disappointment when we discovered that no one from your office attended the summit on May 22, particularly in light of the subsequent events on May 23.

In our email communications with your office, EPA made it clear that the summit continued into May 23, but would be limited to federal agency and state representatives. This is consistent with the information provided to all other Congressional staff who planned to attend, as well as to all other non-federal agency and non-state invitees. Regardless of these details, a representative from your office arrived on May 23 with less than two hours before the entire event concluded. Your office subsequently proceeded to tell members of the media that the agency barred your staff from the summit, which mischaracterized the events that took place. In the future, we would encourage your staff to contact our office should they have any confusion to avoid further misrepresentations. I have attached email correspondence for your reference to provide additional clarity about the timeline of events.

As Administrator Pruitt has stated, addressing PFAS contamination is a national priority. Federal, state and local entities must work together to protect human health from the dangers of PFAS. As our next step, EPA will be visiting and engaging directly with communities impacted by PFAS to understand ways the Agency can best support the work being done at the state, local, and tribal levels. Using information from the summit, community engagements, and public input provided by the docket, EPA plans to develop a PFAS Management Plan for release later this year. I know that this issue is of great importance to you and your constituents, and we remain committed to working with you and your office to come up with solutions to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [lyons.troy@epa.gov](mailto:lyons.troy@epa.gov) or at (202) 564-4987, should I, or this Agency, be of any assistance to you or your constituents.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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