

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

April 30, 2025

The Honorable Lee Zeldin  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Administrator Zeldin:

We write to urge you to uphold the rulemaking that designates the two most dangerous PFAS — PFOA and PFOS — as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the Superfund Law (the “CERCLA rule”). After years of widespread PFAS contamination impacting communities across the country, EPA finalized a CERCLA rule last year that gives the agency stronger tools to investigate and clean up some of the most contaminated sites. Rolling back this progress would pose risks to both public health and the economy.

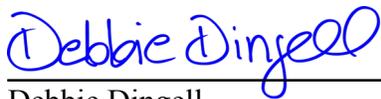
If the CERCLA rule is rescinded, the financial burden of cleaning up PFAS-contaminated sites would increasingly fall on taxpayers. The Department of Defense (DOD) has already spent more than \$2 billion addressing PFAS contamination from legacy uses like firefighting foam — a fraction of what will be required to remediate all impacted military sites. Delaying cleanup only allows contamination to spread further, making future efforts more costly and complex. The CERCLA rule helps ensure that the parties responsible for PFOA and PFOS pollution — including industrial actors who contributed to widespread contamination — bear the financial responsibility. Without this vital rule, communities across the country could be left footing the bill for cleanup, placing a significant burden on states, localities, and communities.

Further, PFAS are linked to an array of health harms, including testicular and kidney cancer, impaired fetal development, and infertility. These chemicals are extremely toxic to both the environment and the human body, and due to their strong chemical bonds, they can take years to break down. Communities across the country have faced significant PFAS contamination, including in areas like Oscoda, MI, and Horsham, PA, where legacy use of firefighting foam at military sites have contaminated drinking water sources. Also, several communities across the country are living with significant contamination, and it is our duty as Members of Congress to address this crisis and protect our constituents.

EPA's core mission is to protect human health and the environment. In order to fulfill that mission with respect to PFAS contamination — while also avoiding significant economic burdens on taxpayers — it is essential that the CERCLA rule remains in place. For decades, utilities and landfills have managed the treatment of hazardous substances to safeguard public health, and EPA has made clear it will exercise enforcement discretion, focusing on the worst actors responsible for serious PFOA and PFOS contamination. With nearly every American having some level of PFAS in their blood, rescinding this rule would fail to protect our communities and would undermine long-term economic progress. For these reasons, we urge you to uphold the CERCLA designations for PFOA and PFOS.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



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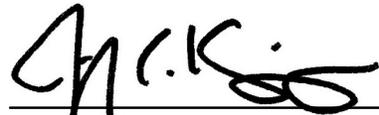
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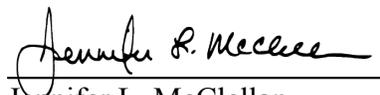
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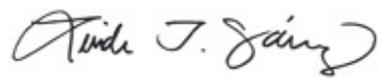
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