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119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. _____

To direct the Secretary of Defense to designate a Coordinator for Engagement
with PFAS-impacted defense communities.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FITZPATRICK introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. COORDINATOR FOR ENGAGEMENT FOR PFAS-**
4 **IMPACTED DEFENSE COMMUNITIES.**

5 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than one year after
6 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall des-
7 ignate an official of the Department of Defense as the

1 “Coordinator for Engagement with Defense Communities
2 Affected by PFAS”.

3 (b) RESPONSIBILITIES.—The responsibilities of the
4 Coordinator designated under subsection (a) are—

5 (1) to improve the outreach, education, and
6 communication efforts of the Department with re-
7 spect to current or former defense communities lo-
8 cated in the United States that have been affected
9 by the contamination or leakage of perfluoroalkyl
10 and polyfluoroalkyl substances (referred to in this
11 section as “PFAS”); and

12 (2) to serve as a dedicated liaison between the
13 Department and local governments, advocacy organi-
14 zations, and individual citizens in the current and
15 former defense communities where the Department
16 has ongoing or incomplete PFAS remediation
17 projects.

18 (c) DEFINITION OF PERFLUOROALKYL AND
19 POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES.—In this section, the
20 terms “perfluoroalkyl substance” and “polyfluoroalkyl
21 substance” have the meanings given such terms in section
22 333(b) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fis-
23 cal Year 2021 (Public Law 116–283; 134 Stat. 3531; 10
24 U.S.C. 3062 note).