

July 19, 2020

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
1296 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
1705 Longworth House Office Building
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The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
Minority Leader
2468 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Steve Scalise
Minority Whip
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Dear Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, Minority Leader McCarthy, Minority Whip Scalise and members of the U.S. House of Representatives:

On behalf of our millions of members and supporters, the undersigned non-governmental organizations write today to urge you to vote YES on H.R. 2467, the PFAS Action Act.

Toxic PFAS chemicals have now been confirmed in the water of nearly 2800 communities, including over 300 military installations, and studies have linked PFAS to serious health problems, including cancer. H.R. 2467 will build on the progress made in the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2020 by restricting industrial releases of PFAS into our air and water, setting a drinking water standard for PFOA and PFOS in tap water, and by kick-starting the process of cleaning up legacy PFAS contamination by designating PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances under the federal Superfund law.

The science is clear: PFAS have been linked to serious health problems through decades of animal, worker, and human studies. Unfortunately, EPA has failed to take steps to restrict air and water releases, reduce PFAS in our tap water, or clean up the nation's most contaminated sites. H.R. 2467 will set clear deadlines requiring EPA to do just that. Designating PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances, as proposed by H.R. 2467, will not ban PFAS - but will instead ensure that the most contaminated sites are finally cleaned up.

We urge you to vote YES on H.R. 2467, the PFAS Action Act.

Sincerely,

Alaska Community Action on Toxics
Breast Cancer Prevention Partners
Center for Environmental Health
Clean Cape Fear
Clean Water Action

Commonweal Biomonitoring Resource Center
Community Action Works
Consumer Reports
Defend Our Health
Ecology Center
Environment America
Environment North Carolina
Environmental Working Group
Green Science Policy Institute
GreenCAPE
Healthy Babies Bright Futures
League of Conservation Voters
Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water
Michigan League of Conservation Voters
Moms for a Nontoxic New York
Natural Resources Defense Council
NC Child
Safer Chemicals Healthy Families
Sierra Club
Southern Environmental Law Center
Toxic-Free Future
U.S. PIRG
Union of Concerned Scientists
Vermont Conservation Voters
Zero Waste Washington