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Richard V. Spencer
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13 August 2018

Dear Regional Administrator Servidio and Navy Secretary Spencer:

As you know, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reports that the PFAS contamination of groundwater is not stabilized and continuing at the Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Willow Grove (NASJRB) in Horsham, Pennsylvania. The EPA reported years ago that firefighting foam from the NASJRB caused the PFAS contamination of our water. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has reported the continuing release of PFAS into groundwater and creeks in the area. Acqua America (Acqua) reports that the Neshaminy creek water source is particularly affect by the release of the hazardous PFAS nearby our water.

Acqua has further reported that the release of PFAS is affecting drinking water in my state senate district. Areas within Abington, Cheltenham and Springfield townships are now subject to well closures and water treatment plans to reduce PFAS contamination. Recently, Acqua closed the North Hills and Aidenn Lair wells to reduce the PFAS in our drinking water.

As you know, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) reports significant health hazards that are related to ingesting PFAS. The list is too long to list in this letter but includes increased risk of cancer. Obviously, I and residents are very concerned that drinking water will lead to serious disease.

I recognize that the standards for determining hazardous levels of PFAS have changed dramatically in the past ten years, even in the past three months. The announcement of the new standards of 17 PPT from the Center for Disease Control in June 2018 is an immediate public standard. In addition, I have co-sponsored legislation in the PA State Senate to make 5 PPT the standard to further cut the risk to our health and lives.

The health of our people is at stake. Now is the time for all those who are responsible to end the release of the PFAS contamination from the NASJRB to protect the health and safety of residents and our environment. The environmental and related health hazards are current and not limited to the Horsham. The PFAS in our drinking water have spread well beyond the Horsham into Eastern Montgomery County. I on behalf of all residents, I demand an end to the release of PFAS in our groundwater, creeks, and the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Art Haywood', with a stylized, cursive-like flow.

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