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**MEMORANDUM**

**March 1, 2019**

**To: Members**

**Fr: Majority Staff**

**Re: Hearing on “Examining PFAS Chemicals and their Risks”**

On Wednesday, March 6, 2019, at 10:00 a.m., in room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee on the Environment will hold a hearing on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

**I. HEARING PURPOSE**

PFAS chemicals have been used in a variety of household and industry products for decades in the United States, including fire-fighting foams used by the Department of Defense (DOD). PFAS chemicals are currently unregulated by the federal government. The hearing will examine: (1) the health effects associated with PFAS exposure, which include decreased fertility, birth defects, liver disease, and increased risk for thyroid disease and cancer; (2) efforts by DOD to minimize exposure in and around military communities; and (3) the Environmental Protection Agency’s recently released action plan regarding these substances.

Reps. Dan Kildee (D-MI) and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) led a bipartisan Congressional Task Force on PFAS to propose House action on cleanup and development of PFAS-free military and industrial substances.

**II. WITNESSES**

**The Honorable Dave Ross**

Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Ms. Maureen Sullivan**

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment  
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Sustainment  
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**The Honorable Daniel T. Kildee**  
Representative for the 5<sup>th</sup> District of Michigan  
U.S. House of Representatives

**The Honorable Brian K. Fitzpatrick**  
Representative for the 1<sup>st</sup> District of Pennsylvania  
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