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The Honorable Andrew Wheeler
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Acting Administrator Wheeler:

As Governor of the State of Michigan I write to you concerning a significant national issue threatening the health of our residents. As you are aware, per and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) chemicals have been used for decades in this country. Unfortunately, their durability and persistence in our environment has created a significant challenge for the nation as we seek to discover the nature and extent of contamination as well as the best protective mechanisms to safeguard our environment and insure safe drinking water for our people.

Your newly accepted role as the Acting U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator is significant for the nation because you have the opportunity and responsibility to fulfill the mission of EPA to "protect human health and the environment". Part of that mission is to demonstrate national leadership related to PFAS contamination of drinking water. The State of Michigan has partnered with all aspects of government, including the EPA, to address PFAS concerns and we have assumed a leadership role in advocating for action related to this contaminate. We offer to continue to assist the EPA and other entities with moving forward under cooperative federalism to address all aspects of PFAS contamination and remediation.

I urge you to continue with the work initiated under your predecessor. Many promises have been made regarding PFAS, including acknowledgment that this issue is a national priority. During the first national EPA Conference on PFAS, then-Administrator Pruitt promised more than just increasing awareness of the issues. He indicated, with more than 35 states in attendance, that EPA would do the following:

1. Provide critical national leadership on PFAS.
2. Work with state partners to achieve good outcomes.
3. Evaluate, under the Safe Drinking Water Act, the need for a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) for PFAS and its related contaminants.
4. Develop clean up criteria for ground water by the fall of 2018.

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5. Address liability for PFAS under section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1990, by addressing PFAS as a hazardous substance.
6. Act to review toxicity for Gen X and other PFAS by the end of the year.

I would further urge you to work with all federal departments and agencies to comprehensively address the solutions needed, including setting national standards and funding clean up activities. If we are to achieve appropriate solutions for our citizens the cooperation of the Department of Defense (DOD), The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and Congress are essential in moving forward. We look forward to working with you as you fulfill your mission to achieve protection of human health and the environment.

Sincerely,



Rick Snyder
Governor