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H. R. 2638

To direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to issue guidance on minimizing the use of firefighting foam containing PFAS, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 9, 2019

Mrs. FLETCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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. GUIDANCE.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
5 date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of the
6 Environmental Protection Agency shall issue guidance on
7 minimizing the use of firefighting foam and other equip-
8 ment containing any PFAS by firefighters, police officers,
9 paramedics, emergency medical technicians, and other

1 first responders, in order to minimize the risk to such fire-
2 fighters, police officers, paramedics, emergency medical
3 technicians, and other first responders, and the environ-
4 ment, without jeopardizing firefighting efforts.

5 (b) DEFINITION.—In this Act, the term “PFAS”
6 means a perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substance with
7 at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom.

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