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MEMORANDUM

July 19, 2019

To: Members of the Subcommittee on Environment

Fr: Majority Staff

Re: Subcommittee on Environment Hearing on “The Devil They Knew: PFAS Contamination and the Need for Corporate Accountability.”

On Wednesday, July 24, 2019, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 2247 of the Rayburn House Office Building, the Subcommittee will hold a hearing on the widespread industrial contamination of air, drinking water, ground water and food supplies across the United States with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

I. HEARING PURPOSE

The hearing will examine the history of the science behind the health risks associated with PFAS chemicals; what corporations knew about this science and when they knew it; the current levels of PFAS chemical contamination in the United States; and industry efforts to clean up contaminated sites. The Subcommittee also plans to highlight the steps both Democratic and Republican state governments are currently taking to regulate PFAS chemicals and hold corporate polluters accountable.

II. WITNESSES

Panel One

Bucky Bailey
Affected Resident and Activist
Parkersburg, West Virginia

Emily Donovan
Co-Founder
Clean Cape Fear

Sandy Wynn-Stelt
Affected Resident and Activist
Belmont, Michigan

Panel Two

Dr. Jamie C. DeWitt
Associate Professor
Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Brody School of Medicine
East Carolina University

Glenn Evers
President
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Former Research Scientist, DuPont

Catherine R. McCabe
Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection

Robert R. Scott
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New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

Steve Sliver
Executive Director
Michigan PFAS Action Response Team
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

Jane C. Luxton (minority witness)
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