## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

September 7, 2018

The Honorable Andrew Wheeler Acting Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington D.C. 20460

## Dear Acting Administrator Wheeler:

As members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, we thank the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for testifying before the committee on the growing presence of perfluorinated chemicals across the nation. This letter is to follow up on the commitment made by EPA yesterday to send senior officials to Michigan to discuss per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). We welcome EPA to Michigan and look forward to this important visit as soon as possible.

Michigan has been hit hard. The number of PFAS confirmed sites has been growing rapidly over the last few years. According to the State of Michigan, there are now 35 confirmed PFAS contamination sites and the public is seriously concerned. While there is more work to do, the state is aggressively testing, tracking, and working to combat PFAS. The State of Michigan fully supports an EPA visit and is looking forward to hosting. It is invaluable for EPA to see first-hand the extent of the growing PFAS contamination problem we are confronting.

As you know, EPA originally planned to visit Michigan as part of its national tour to engage communities affected by harmful PFAS and to find ways for EPA to best support ongoing work occurring at the state, local, and tribal levels. We are pleased by the commitment made by EPA at yesterday's hearing and hope the visit can happen very soon.

In the coming days, we look forward to working with EPA, the State of Michigan, and all elected officials from the Michigan delegation to finalize logistics for your visit.

Sincerely,

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