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Dear Secretary Mabus and Secretary James:

As you are aware, concerns about the dangers of perfluorinated compounds (PFC) have been proliferating nationwide, as more evidence becomes available about the potential toxicity of these compounds. Pennsylvania has a number of known PFOS and PFOA contamination cases, including particularly the Horsham Air Guard Station in Horsham, PA and the Naval Air Warfare Center in Warminster, PA.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has taken the lead in addressing these cases as they have been linked to federal facilities, but Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Department of Health (DOH) have been actively engaged as well in clean up, water distribution, and cost analysis related to biomonitoring/blood testing. We write to ask you to consider assisting the Commonwealth with costs related to blood testing for the 69,987 citizens affected through municipal and private drinking water exposures in the Horsham, Warrington, and Warminster communities, all of which are affected by the contamination.

To date, the response in Warminster, Warrington, and Horsham has not included blood testing. Just this month, the EPA announced a health advisory level of 70 parts per trillion (0.07) for both PFOA and PFOS. This is a significant reduction from the previous level which had been 0.2 and 0.4 depending on the chemical. This level is determined by testing water; there is no known advisory level for blood. However, we believe blood testing is critical to addressing the concerns of private citizens who may have been exposed.

The DOH estimates that the costs related to blood testing will be significant. Depending on the percentage of residents who choose to move forward with a request for blood testing, we anticipate the costs to be considerable to the Commonwealth. The DOH estimates a very conservative \$7 million in costs if only 50 percent of the total population requests blood tests. This estimate includes costs related to notification to individuals in the affected area about their ability to request blood testing specific to

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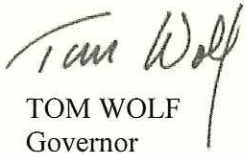
PFOA/PFOS, personnel costs, blood draws, and collaboration with and shipping and handling to laboratories that can process and analyze blood samples. For developing a cost estimate for laboratory testing, the DOH based its costs on the lowest available estimate while understanding that the average laboratory cost is much higher.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is facing a structural deficit of upwards of \$2 billion in 2016-17. We simply do not have the resources to commit to dedicating \$7 million or more to blood testing, despite our best efforts to address the needs and concerns of all Pennsylvanians and, in this particular situation, those affected by PFOS and PFOA contamination in Horsham, Warrington, and Warminster. In order to ensure that residents of the aforementioned communities are appropriately protected and informed, we are requesting the Departments of the Navy and Air Force cover the costs for testing any affected resident who would like a blood test due to the federal government's contamination of his or her water. Additionally, we request the Departments provide carbon filters on all of the remaining wells to ensure all water is safe.

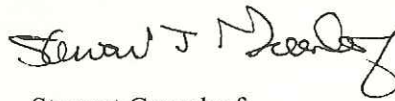
We will continue to support the EPA in its ongoing efforts to address PFCs. We will also take actions as needed under current authorities to protect public health. Protection of health and wellbeing of citizens of the Commonwealth is a high priority for my administration and is a core mission of the Department of Health.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.


Sincerely,




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