



WEST VIRGINIA RIVERS

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The Honorable Shelley Moore Capito
172 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Capito,

Our 19 West Virginia co-signed organizations urge you to support PFAS amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2022.

We are grateful for your commitment to addressing PFAS, including your efforts to set a national drinking water standard for PFOA and PFOS, and efforts to expand reporting of PFAS releases by industry. Thanks to your leadership, we are closer than ever to a national standard drinking water utilities will have to meet.

The PFAS amendments that have been filed to the NDAA would build upon your efforts by providing funding to clean up contaminated military installations like Shepherd Air National Guard Base, placing a moratorium in the incineration of legacy fire-fighting foam until key studies can be completed, and by phasing out unnecessary uses of PFAS in child care centers located on military bases. Another PFAS amendment being offered by Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand would restore the intent of your amendment to the FY 2020 NDAA by closing loopholes in PFAS reporting rules.

As a PFAS champion, you understand the importance of cleaning up PFAS pollution at our military installations, preventing incineration that would simply transfer the PFAS problem downwind, and protecting our children from needless uses of PFAS. You also understand the importance of making data about PFAS releases by industry available to the public and to our state officials.

Thank you again for your leadership. We urge you to support PFAS amendments to the NDAA for FY 2022.

Sincerely,

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