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Honorable Alex Azar
Secretary
U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave SW
Washington, DC 20201

Honorable Scott Pruitt
Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Secretary Azar and Administrator Pruitt,

I would like to respectfully request that U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) immediately release its assessment and toxicological profile of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS).

It has been recently reported that the release of this federal public health study has been suppressed and that the contents of the study show that PFOA and PFOS pose a threat to human health at significantly lower levels than was previously stated by the Environmental Protection Agency. This is concerning, as there have been many published scientific research papers finding that exposure to PFOA and PFOS is linked to different types of cancers and reproductive health issues.

It is critical that we as elected representatives put public health first, and delaying or suppressing the release of the report for fear of negative public reaction is irresponsible. American citizens have a right to know about any potential health effects related to PFOA and PFOS.

There have been too many instances across New York State alone that have resulted in contaminated drinking water sources from PFOA and PFOS pollution. Hoosick Falls, Newburgh, and communities in Suffolk County are just a few areas that are dealing with this issue. It is imperative that we have the most up to date information on potential health implications.

Health studies such as this assessment and toxicological profile are critical first steps to setting enforceable drinking water standards for PFOA and PFOS. Such standards will ensure safe drinking water for communities across the country and all available information that could lead to those levels should be publically accessible. I urge HHS to immediately release the federal health study.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Englebright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" at the beginning.

Steven Englebright
Member of Assembly