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Mr. Gregory C. Preston

Director

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Dear Mr. Preston,

We are writing to you on behalf of our constituents in Horsham and Warminster Townships to request the Department of the Navy fund an independent health risk assessment to determine if there are health risks stemming from past water contamination in our communities.

As you may be aware, in 2014, the Environmental Protection Agency released well sampling results that found perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) in wells near the former Willow Grove Naval Air Station Joint Reserve base located in Horsham Township and the Naval Air Warfare Center located in Warminster Township. While we know the water is now safe to drink we believe it is important to understand what, if any, health risks exist from past water usage.

Specifically, we would like the independent health risk assessment to determine the following:

- 1. Is our health at risk from past exposure to PFOS & PFOA?**
- 2. If so, what is the risk to our health?**
- 3. What can we do to protect our families and minimize any long-term effect of exposure to these compounds?**

We applaud the actions taken by the Navy to work with the EPA and our local public water authorities to ensure our residents have safe drinking water. However, we believe our residents deserve answers as to what adverse health conditions they may face due to past water contamination.

To this end, could you please promptly respond to our request for the Department of the Navy to fund an independent health risk assessment for our effected communities?

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



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