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Dear Administrator Zeldin and Assistant Administrator for Water designee Kramer,

Good afternoon, I hope this email finds you well. Please see the attached letter from over 50 public health, community action, and environmental organizations concerning the compliance dates for three critical public protections: the “PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation , the “National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper: Improvements”, and the rule listing two forever chemicals (PFOA and PFOS) as hazardous under the Superfund law.

It is our hope that EPA will vigorously defend, and not delay, these important public protections designed to help families protect themselves from lead and PFAS forever chemicals in our drinking water and environment.

Sincerely,  
Julian Gonzalez  
(On behalf of Earthjustice and the organizations listed on the attached letter)

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Dear Administrator Zeldin,

On behalf of the many undersigned community-based organizations, public health organizations, and environmental organizations, we urge you to prioritize public health by vigorously defending and *not* delaying compliance dates for three critically important public health regulations: the “PFAS National Primary Drinking Water Regulation” (“the PFAS drinking water standards”), the “National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper: Improvements” (“the LCRI”), and the rule listing two forever chemicals (PFOA and PFOS) as hazardous under the Superfund law (the “PFAS Superfund listing.”). Industry is challenging all three of these rules in court, and you must decide in the coming days whether the agency will continue to defend and carry out these crucial public health protections, or will retreat in the face of industry pressure.

Water utilities will soon be required to take action to comply with the new drinking water standards for good reason: people across the country have waited for decades for our federal government to take PFAS and lead contamination seriously. As many as 105 million people in America have PFAS in their drinking water at health-threatening levels exceeding the agency’s new standards for six of these forever chemicals. Also, we know that exposure to any level of lead presents health risks, and EPA data show that over the past four years, 44 million people across the nation got their drinking water from systems that had lead 90th percentile levels of 10 parts per billion or more, posing significant health threats. About 13 million people drank from systems that had health-based violations of EPA’s existing lead standard. Similarly, there are hundreds or even thousands of sites contaminated with PFAS, threatening the health of hundreds of millions of people. The PFAS Superfund listing rule is crucial to help ensure polluters pay for cleanup of these sites.

After waiting years, the last thing communities need is further delays and more broken promises. The current White House and Administration have publicly discussed the health risks from PFAS, writing that “the EPA has determined that many PFAS are harmful to human health, and they have been linked to harms affecting reproductive health, developmental delays in children, cancer, hormone imbalance, obesity, and other dangerous health conditions”, and that PFAS “are often referred to as ‘forever chemicals’ because of their extremely long lifespans.” Of course you visited Flint, Michigan, highlighting one of the more public epicenters of our national crisis regarding lead-contaminated drinking water. You noted that, “Our experiences during the Flint water crisis underscore the important role that each one of us can play in ensuring that EPA identifies and appropriately addresses human health and environmental risks....” What community members are asking for is to pair these words and public visits with strong action: vigorously defend and do not delay the very public protections designed to help families protect themselves from lead and PFAS forever chemicals in our drinking water and environment.

Sincerely,

A2 (Anthropocene Alliance)

Alabama Rivers Alliance

Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments

Bayou City Waterkeeper

Buxmont Coalition for Safer Water

Center for Environmental Health

Chesapeake Climate Action Network

Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger  
(CSWAB)

Clean Air Action Network of Glens Falls

Clean Cape Fear

Clean Water Action

Clean Wisconsin

Coastal Carolina Riverwatch

Committee on the Middle Fork Vermilion River

Community Water Center

Consumer Reports

Defend Our Health

Earthjustice

Environment America Research & Policy Center

Environmental Law and Policy Center

Environmental Protection Network

Environmental Working Group

Fight For Zero, Inc

Food & Water Watch

For Love of Water

Freshwater Future

Great Lakes PFAS Action Network

Green & Healthy Homes Initiative

Iowa Environmental Council

Kentucky Waterways Alliance

League of Conservation Voters

Little Village Environmental Justice  
Organization

Memphis & Shelby County Lead safe Collaborative
Merrimack Citizens for Clean Water
Midwest Environmental Advocates
Milwaukee Riverkeeper
Natural Resources Defense Council
Need Our Water
Newburgh Clean Water Project
Oscoda Citizens for Clean Water
Portland Advocates for Leadfree Drinking Water
River Network
S.O.H2O Save Our Water
Shelby County Lead Prevention & Sustainability Commission
Sierra Club
Testing for Pease
The Water Collaborative of Greater New Orleans
Town of Campbell, WI - resident
U.S. PIRG
Unleaded Kids
Vessel Project of Louisiana
Waterkeepers Chesapeake
Weequahic Park Association
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Young, Gifted & Green

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