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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,
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(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

Wisconsin's Green Fire, Inc.

Young, Gifted & Green

Cc: Jessica Kramer, Assistant Administrator for Water Designee