

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

October 9, 2019

The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
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Dear Governor Whitmer:

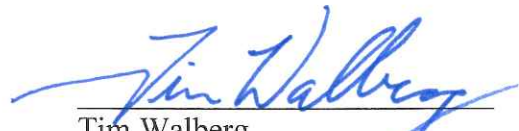
PFAS contamination is such a serious issue in our state and in communities across the nation. We know our fight against PFAS is just starting and we are proud that Michigan has been a leader on this issue, as we are one of the first states to test drinking water statewide and to establish a clean-up standard for PFAS in groundwater used for drinking water.

We are deeply concerned by your decision to veto \$15,000,000 in funding for a grant program for municipal airports to test and monitor for PFAS. There are hundreds of municipal airports in Michigan, which are required to use and test Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF) that contain PFAS and can be released into the groundwater.

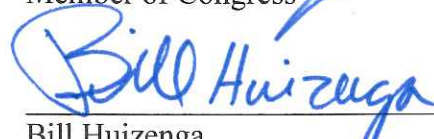
PFAS contamination is both a threat to public health and Michigan's economy. Many communities depend on groundwater for their drinking water, and it is imperative that we devote the necessary resources to test municipal airports, where we know there is a high probability of PFAS contamination. We hope you reconsider your veto and continue Michigan's history of being a leader on PFAS testing and clean-up.


Sincerely,


Fred Upton
Member of Congress


Tim Walberg
Member of Congress


Jack Bergman
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Bill Huizenga
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