

May 22, 2024

The Honorable Jack Reed
Chair
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Mike Rogers
Chair
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Roger Wicker
Ranking Member
Committee on Armed Services
United States Senate
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The Honorable Adam Smith
Ranking Member
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Chairmen Reed and Rogers and Ranking Members Wicker and Smith:

The undersigned associations strongly urge you not to include provisions in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY 25 NDAA) that would circumvent the existing **legal and regulatory processes for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)**.

Last year, we sent a [letter](#) to your Committees that identified concerns about issues such as procurement, disposal and destruction, and effluent limitation guidelines that Congress should not address as part of the NDAA legislative process. Rather, we support accelerating cleanup of PFAS in the environment and encourage Congress to focus on the technology innovation, collaboration, and other solutions needed to advance this important outcome.

The Department of Defense released a [report](#) in August 2023 on the critical uses of PFAS that impact the national security supply chain. Our [open letter](#) on this analysis underscores that all PFAS are not the same and that limitations on uses in many sectors and products could unnecessarily disrupt such supply chains. Fluorochemistries, including PFAS, deliver irreplaceable properties for essential sectors across the broad economy that Americans use every day.

Our coalition has also provided [input](#) to the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works for a recent hearing on the CERCLA hazardous substance designation of PFOA and PFOS. We believe that CERCLA is the wrong policy tool, and that EPA should use existing [alternative authorities](#) to drive cleanup. The Committees should use their oversight responsibilities to ensure that EPA does so.

We urge you to oppose amendments and language in the FY 25 NDAA that would circumvent **established, science-based regulatory processes**, including provisions that would ban or restrict procurement and incineration and mandate EPA effluent guidelines.

Sincerely,

Aerospace Industries Association

Alliance for Automotive Innovation
Alliance for Chemical Distribution
American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Chemistry Association
American Coatings Association
American Forest & Paper Association
American Petroleum Institute
Fluid Sealing Association
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
National Association for Surface Finishing
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Council of Textile Organizations
National Oilseed Processors Association
Plastics Industry Association
PRINTING United Alliance
TRSA - The Linen, Uniform and Facility Services Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce