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The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Safe Drinking Water PFAS MCL Rule (#7-569).

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TESTIMONY (as submitted Tuesday Mar 21, at 1:00pm)

My name is Chris Plehal. I live at 500 N 19th St, Philadelphia PA 19130. I am submitting this testimony as a private citizen.

I learned about PFAs from an episode of Last Week Tonight with John Oliver last year. I hadn't heard of them before, but immediately thought about throwing out my teflon pans. I did some research and realized the danger these chemicals pose, both in our drinking water in our bodies.

I'm the father of a two-year-old son, so I think a lot about the effects of chemicals and pollution on small bodies. It's our responsibility to keep PFAs out of our water, for the sake of future generations.

I'm very pleased that the DEP is taking steps to regulate PFAs, but I don't think these regulations go far enough. The regulations should apply to chemicals beyond just PFOA and PFOS. There are multiple PFAS chemicals, and we should protect against those as well.

The proposed acceptable level is also too high. I think about 14ppt and 18ppt levels in the body of my toddler and it makes my skin crawl. No level of PFAS is safe and we should work to eliminate all of them.

Finally, the rule should take effect immediately. We have already waited far too long to regulate PFAs and need to take action now, not later.

Future generations are depending on us to keep these chemicals out of our bodies. Let's do the work now to make these regulations as strong as they can be.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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