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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 given 3/21/2022 for Proposed Rulemaking - Safe Drinking Water PFAS MCL Rule

Good afternoon. My name is Kathie Westman and I live in Gibsonia PA. I testify today as a registered nurse and person of faith.

As a nurse my main emphasis is protection of health. I would like to share from a US EPA report titled "Our current understanding of the human health and environmental risks of PFAS", and read its paragraph "What we know about health effect". It states "Current peer-reviewed scientific studies have shown that exposure to certain levels of PFAS may lead to: 1, Reproductive effects such as decreased fertility or increased high blood pressure in pregnant women. 2. Developmental effects or delay in children, including low birth weight, accelerated puberty, bone variations, or behavioral changes, 3. Increased risk of some cancers, including

prostate, kidney, and testicular cancers, 4.Reduced ability of the body's immune system to fight infections, including reduced vaccine response, 5. Interference with the body's natural hormones, and 6 increased cholesterol levels and/or risk of obesity." All of these are concerning and serious.

As a person of faith I call upon the DPA to put health of our people above cost.

Sadly the drinking water of millions of Americans has been contaminated with these long lasting, dangerous chemicals. I often state my belief that when we know better, we must do better.

I appreciate the PA department of environmental protection proposing PA's first PFAS regulations. As we live in a state with a constitution which guarantees its citizens clean water, I support their regulations, However as we know the many negative health effects related to PFAS, I ask them to make the maximum contaminate levels lower, cover more PFAS types, and go into effect sooner. I date myself with the adage "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". But we find it still holds true as we recognize and work to limit the health damage of these chemicals. Thank you.

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Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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