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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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Comments entered:

Dear Department of Environmental Protection Commissioners,

I am writing today to submit my comment for the record on the proposed amendments to Chapter 109 that will set maximum contaminant level goals and maximum contaminant levels for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS). I am glad that the Department of Environmental Protection is establishing a long overdue maximum contaminant standard rule for PFAS specific to Pennsylvania. However, I urge the DEP to enact more stringent standards that provide equal protection for all Pennsylvanians' drinking water.

The maximum contaminant standards of 14 parts per trillion for PFOA and 18 parts per trillion for PFOS do not do enough to protect human health. A toxicological analysis by Cambridge Environmental Consulting recommended a standard of 1 part per trillion for PFOA and 5 parts per trillion for PFOS in order to protect young children rather than setting the standards to standards that only take into account adult exposure.

PFAS are called "forever chemicals," because they stay in the water that they pollute and can move through the fish and wildlife that take them up. PFAS also find themselves in the blood of individuals who have been exposed. It can be highly toxic even at very low doses and has been

linked to kidney cancer, thyroid disease, pregnancy-induced hypertension and preeclampsia and testicular cancer. It is imperative that we act now to protect our communities against these devastating outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

No attachments were included as part of this comment.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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