

Dear Chairwoman Pugh and members of House Committee on Human Services,

This is to let you know that I appreciate that you are including wording on PFAS and PFOS materials in bill S.20. This bill is an important start, but we the public and the next generation(s) really need you to go further in limiting those substances from being used in our state by both the military and any other fire department who use them. . As you know, there is dangerous ongoing contamination especially from past and present military operations with these materials. To protect our water and soils, it is imperative that the use of PFAS firefighting foams be banned in our state for any use and by anyone including the federal government. There are other methods of fighting fires which are far less contaminating than PFAS and PFOs materials.

We look to you to strengthen bill S.20 in this way on behalf of the people and children of Vermont, as well as other creatures who live here, all of whom depend on clean water and soil.

With thanks,

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