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The Honorable John Barrasso
Chairman
Committee on Environment and Public Works
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Thomas Carper
Ranking Member
Committee on Environment and Public Works
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The Honorable Frank Pallone
Chairman
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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Greg Walden
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Barrasso, Ranking Member Carper, Chairman Pallone, and Ranking Member Walden:

Thank you for your leadership on addressing the legacy of poly and per-fluorinated alkyl substances (PFAS) that you have shown during your recent Committee hearings.

DuPont believes a comprehensive, risk-based federal chemical regulatory system, combined with strict compliance, will protect public health and the environment, while allowing innovation to continue to develop safe and innovative products that meet customers' needs. That is why DuPont supports Congressional and EPA efforts to develop science-based guidelines and regulations for PFAS chemicals, with an emphasis on building on past EPA's actions to regulate long-chain bio-persistent PFAS compounds including PFOA.

We believe Congress should utilize EPA’s extensive knowledge base of PFAS chemicals to evaluate and regulate, as appropriate, those legacy PFAS chemicals. Congress should empower EPA to expeditiously conduct regulatory evaluations using its existing authority under the Clean Water Act (CWA), Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), and Toxics Reporting Inventory (TRI). In particular, the regulatory focus should be on those bio-persistent, long-chain PFAS chemicals as defined by EPA in its 2009 Long-Chain Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFCs) Action Plan. Congress should also provide EPA and other Agencies with appropriate funding and resources to fulfill regulatory responsibilities, to further advance the development of test methods, and to assist local communities in dealing with
PFAS chemicals in the environment. Finally, acknowledging the hundreds of different PFAS chemicals that have been and continue to be utilized in the U.S. by many manufacturers to produce a broad range of important industrial and consumer products, Congress should establish a process for differentiation, classification, and potential regulation of additional PFAS chemicals as data becomes available.

Safety and environmental stewardship are core values at DuPont. We are committed to fulfilling our compliance and remediation obligations and to continuous improvement of our chemical stewardship process. We uphold the highest standards for the safe operation of facilities and the protection of our environment, our employees, our customers and the people of the communities in which we do business.

Thank you for your leadership and your consideration of this important matter. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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