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U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support H.R. 2467, a critical step in protecting our health from toxic chemicals

Dear Representative,

The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) works to turn environmental values into national priorities. Each year, LCV publishes the *National Environmental Scorecard*, which details the voting records of members of Congress on environmental legislation. The *Scorecard* is the nationally accepted yardstick used to rate members of Congress on environmental, public health, and energy issues and is distributed to LCV members, concerned voters, and the media.

LCV urges you to vote YES on H.R. 2467, the “PFAS Action Act of 2021,” which would take important steps in addressing the growing national PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances) crisis threatening the health of millions of people across the country.

PFAS are a class of chemicals used in many everyday consumer products and industrial applications to make water and stain repellant coatings, but communities continue to discover that their drinking water, food, soil, and surroundings have been contaminated with PFAS. Also called “forever chemicals” in recognition of their persistence in the environment and our bodies, PFAS have been linked to numerous health problems like certain cancers, thyroid disease, neurological development issues, weakened immune systems, and more. The federal government has been slow to take the actions necessary to protect our communities, especially communities of color who bear a disproportionate impact from this lack of response.

H.R. 2467 will take critical steps forward that are needed to reduce PFAS use, clean them up, and hold polluters accountable for the damage to our health and the environment. The bill would require the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to set a drinking water standard for PFOA and PFOS within two years, designate PFOA and PFOS as hazardous air pollutants, limit industrial discharges of PFAS into waterways, and provide funding for water treatment. Additionally, it would provide consumers with knowledge of products containing PFAS by adding PFAS to the EPA’s Safer Choice Program. H.R. 2467 also would designate PFOA and PFOS as hazardous substances and make a determination on other PFAS within five years—key to holding polluters accountable and ensuring that our nation’s most contaminated sites are finally cleaned up.

Again, we urge you to SUPPORT H.R. 2467, which will take critical steps in tackling the PFAS crisis, as well as all pro-environment amendments. We will strongly consider including votes on this legislation in the 2021 Scorecard. If you need more information, please contact a member of our government relations team.

Sincerely,

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President