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CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU
Governor

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The Honorable Dr. Patrick Breysse
Director
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
1600 Clifton Road SE
Atlanta, GA 30333

Dear Director Breysse,

As you know the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is required by the 2018 Defense Authorization Act to conduct an upcoming national study on the human health implications of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). I am writing to request that Pease International Tradeport be included in this study.

I understand that ATSDR has been working to prepare for the study, but that ultimate study design and site selection is dependent on a budget appropriation. As the agency prepares for the study, I wanted to draw your attention to the advantages of including Pease.

As a former Air Force installation, the groundwater around Pease has been contaminated by PFAS from the use of aqueous film forming foam (AFFF). AFFF is one of the primary causes of PFAS contamination around the country, and until a replacement is ultimately found, remains one of the few sources of PFAS still in regular use. This contamination has forced the City of Portsmouth to close an important municipal water well. Subsequently, the state has identified over 1,500 Granite Stater's whose blood has elevated levels of PFAS. This is of a heightened concern as many of these are children who attended daycare centers near Pease.

We have a long history of grassroots engagement in New Hampshire, which you saw and heard first hand during your recent participation in the Community Assistance Panel (CAP). The community around Pease is rightfully concerned about PFAS contamination and Granite Staters want to participate in the process of advancing medical research on what, if any, health impacts PFAS has. As an engaged community, and one of only two CAP's that ATSDR currently has, Pease is an ideal selection for inclusion in the national PFAS study.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chit T. Sununu".

Christopher T. Sununu
Governor