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This morning the EPA held a press conference announcing its PFAS Action Plan. We recognize the significance of Acting Administrator Wheeler choosing Region 3 for the initial unveiling of this plan. We are appreciative that Mr. Wheeler specifically acknowledged the challenges Horsham has faced as a result of the PFAS contamination.

We here in Horsham are very proud of our pro-active efforts addressing the PFAS contamination in our drinking water. After some delay, we are encouraged and supportive of EPA's efforts to boldly address the multi-faceted impacts of this contamination to drinking water, soils, and storm water nationwide. The urgency of this matter cannot be overstated.

In 2016, after following and adhering to the EPA's guidance and standards for addressing PFAS in drinking water, Horsham Township elected to forge its own path towards drinking water remediation. In the face of this crisis, we acted swiftly to develop and implement short term and long term plans with the singular objective of setting our own Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), the "Horsham Standard" of "non-detect." By early 2017, with full bipartisan support, Horsham worked with federal, state and local agencies to design, permit and construct treatment and distribution facilities to meet the "Horsham Standard" and provide water of the highest quality to its residents.

We strongly encourage the EPA through its PFAS Action Plan to establish an MCL that is protective of all citizens including those who have been subjected to many years, even decades, of high exposure prior to the contamination being identified.

With the cooperation and leadership of EPA, we look forward to remediation of all sources of the PFAS contamination, completion of health studies to provide answers about impacts to health due to past exposure, and the recovery of costs so that our residents do not continue to bear the added financial burden necessary to ensure their own health, safety and welfare.