

Alaska PFAS Action Coalition

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The Honorable Michael Dunleavy 550 West 7th Avenue, Suite 1700 Anchorage, AK 99501 Sent electronically

Dear Governor Dunleavy:

This week, the U.S. Senate approved a \$1 trillion infrastructure plan to build back our nation's economy. The plan includes nearly \$10 billion in funding towards addressing PFAS contamination - this is welcome news. As the representative of the leading non-profit organizations in Alaska tracking per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination across the state, I urge you to apply for the maximum funding possible once the funding bill is passed by the U.S. House of Representatives, signed by the President and made available.

We are grateful for the recent legal action taken by the state to sue some of the manufacturers of PFAS products. Our members recognize the time it takes to bring justice in these large cases and see the federal PFAS clean up money as a way for your administration to take action while awaiting a financial award through the legal process.

Further, this federal funding will help our state that has long served the nation as a strategic location for both military and aviation use. Our military bases and airports are some of the most contaminated places. Cleaning up some of the ills of the past so future generations will not bear the burden of this contamination that causes cancer and other illnesses is not too much to ask and is long overdue.

Thank you for your support on this important public health issue facing our people, fish, animals and land.

Sincerely,

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