117TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H. R. 8901

To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit a report regarding the provision of water alternatives to communities affected by PFAS contamination, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

September 19, 2022

Ms. Slotkin introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. REPORT ON DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE PROVI-
- 4 SION OF WATER ALTERNATIVES TO COMMU-
- 5 NITIES AFFECTED BY PFAS CONTAMINATION.
- 6 (a) Report Required.—Not later than December
- 7 1, 2022, the Secretary of Defense shall submit to the
- 8 Committees on Armed Services of the House of Represent-
- 9 atives and the Senate a report containing an outline of

- 1 the plan of the Department of Defense to provide (or con-
- 2 tinue providing, as the case may be) alternative water
- 3 sources to affected communities surrounding military in-
- 4 stallations with levels of perfluoroalkyl substances that
- 5 have been determined to be above the lifetime health advi-
- 6 sory for contamination for such substances as issued by
- 7 the Environmental Protection Agency and printed in the
- 8 Federal Register on June 21, 2022.
- 9 (b) Matters.—The report under subsection (a) shall
- 10 include the following:
- 11 (1) A list of any military installations previously
- classified as requiring "no further action" with re-
- spect to perfluoroalkyl substances contamination
- that, as of the date of the report, require additional
- investigation with respect to such contamination.
- 16 (2) A list of any military installations with pre-
- vious tests results of perfluorooctanoic acid or
- perfluorooctane sulfonic acid at concentrations above
- 19 0 but less than 70 parts per trillion, and a descrip-
- 20 tion of the timeline and processes by which the Sec-
- 21 retary has provided, and continues to provide, alter-
- 22 native water sources to affected communities sur-
- rounding such installations.
- 24 (3) A description of any guidance issued by the
- 25 Secretary to update the processes and procedures of

- 1 the Department in accordance with the lifetime
- 2 health advisory issued by the Environmental Protec-
- 3 tion Agency and printed in the Federal Register on
- 4 June 21, 2022.

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- 5 (4) A description of any plans of the Depart-6 ment for community engagement with respect to af-7 fected communities referred to in subsection (a).
 - (5) A description of any additional resources necessary for the Secretary to address the needs of such affected communities.
- 11 (6) A description of the testing methods for 12 perfluoroalkyl substances, and the levels of detection 13 associated with such methods, currently available to 14 the Department.
- 15 (c) ALTERNATIVE WATER SOURCE DEFINED.—In 16 this section, the term "alternative water source" means 17 a source of water uncontaminated with perfluoroalkyl sub-18 stances.

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