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July 18, 2016

Dr. Thomas R. Frieden  
Director  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
1600 Clifton Road  
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Dear Dr. Frieden:

I am writing to follow-up on previous inquiries made by my staff regarding the ongoing water contamination issues affecting several New Hampshire communities, including Litchfield, Merrimack, North Hampton, Portsmouth, Rye, Greenland and surrounding impacted towns involving public water supplies, private wells, and local landfills. Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter.

Many New Hampshire citizens have recently learned that their water sources contain elevated levels of the chemical perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), above the lifetime health advisory standard of 70 parts per trillion recently set by the Environmental Protection Agency. Given this, as well as the fact that limited knowledge exists of how PFOA and other perfluorochemicals (PFCs), in particular PFHxS, could potentially affect one's health, I respectfully request that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) further engage residents and public officials of the aforementioned towns and play an active role in studying the lasting effects of exposure to elevated levels of PFOA, PFOS, PFHxS, and other PFCs contaminants in these and surrounding communities.

Going forward, I would ask that you copy my office on any relevant correspondence so that my staff and I can remain informed of CDC's efforts in New Hampshire regarding this public health issue of great concern to many of my constituents. Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your assistance with this critically important matter. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



Kelly A. Ayotte  
U.S. Senator