

United States: Representative Dingell Will Make Regulation Of PFAS Chemicals Top Congressional Priority

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Representative Dingell (D-MICH) said on Tuesday, November 17th that legislation which would require the EPA to regulate the so-called "forever chemicals" will be reintroduced in January as soon as Congress begins its new session. Dingell was the sponsor of the PFAS Action Act that passed the House last January, and has indicated her intention to reintroduce the bill. If the bill passes, it would require the EPA to set cleanup standards and enforceable drinking water limits for at least some PFAS chemicals, and would also ban the chemicals from materials that could touch food and cosmetics. Representatives in Congress will also urge the Biden administration to pursue PFAS controls that don't require legislation. One such measure sought would designate PFOS and PFOA, the two most well studied members of the chemical group, as hazardous substances under the CERCLA.

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