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Robert R. Redfield, MD  
Director  
Center for Disease Control  
1600 Clifton Road  
Atlanta, GA 30329

Re: CDC PFAS Study Must Include Cancer

Dear Dr. Redfield,

My legislative district is home to the former Willow Grove Naval Air Station and, as such, is ground zero for the PFAS drinking water contamination issue in Pennsylvania. I was shocked to read in the newspaper this morning that the much-anticipated CDC study into the health effects resulting from exposure to PFAS in drinking water will not include cancer. This is unconscionable and must be changed.

As The Intelligencer reported this morning, "Cancers such as those of the kidneys, testicles and bladder had been linked to some PFAS chemicals in prior studies, along with illnesses such as thyroid disease, ulcerative colitis, high cholesterol, developmental effects and immunotoxicity. Ulcerative colitis and autoimmune diseases will also be excluded from the CDC's study." I have countless constituents who are wondering whether their cancer or that of their family member was caused by simply drinking the water.

Several years ago, I was the first public official to call for a comprehensive health study so we can understand what health effects we face as a result of the federal government contaminating our drinking water. This is critical as we work to protect our residents' health. Excluding cancers and other ailments in the national study is unacceptable and I implore you to correct this immediately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Stephens".

Todd Stephens  
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Cc: Senator Bob Casey  
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