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## ACC: WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE FOR SCIENCE BASED APPROACH TO PFAS IN NDAA

**WASHINGTON (July 12, 2019)** – Today, the American Chemistry Council (ACC) issued the following statement on the just passed House version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which includes several provisions related to per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemistries:

“ACC and its member companies are committed to working with lawmakers to identify ways to address potential concerns with PFAS chemistries. For this reason, the chemical industry supports a comprehensive approach with clear timelines for managing specific substances, including measures to prioritize, evaluate, regulate, innovate, monitor, and advance best practices.

“Unfortunately, the House passed NDAA takes a partisan approach to addressing PFAS – not a scientific one. CERCLA listing decisions are scientific questions that Congress is not best positioned to address. We believe EPA’s career scientists have the expertise needed to examine PFAS and that EPA should retain its traditional authority to study potentially hazardous substances and to ascertain whether they should be designated under CERCLA.

“It is essential to the protection of human health and the environment that quality data and science-based approaches inform decision-making. During the bicameral conference committee process, ACC will continue to advocate on behalf of its members for a bipartisan approach that empowers independent federal agencies to exercise their scientific expertise.”

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