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VIA EMAIL

The Honorable Thomas J. Vilsack  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Agriculture  
1400 Independence Avenue  
Washington, DC 20250

The Honorable Robert M. Califf, M.D.  
Commissioner  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
10903 New Hampshire Avenue – W01  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20993

The Honorable Michael S. Regan  
Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Secretary Vilsack, Commissioner Califf, and Administrator Regan:

SUBJECT: Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

Thank you for your February 3, 2023, response to Michigan's February 16, 2022, letter requesting guidance to PFAS in the food supply and support for farmers facing PFAS contamination in their operations.

Your letter indicated an offer to brief your interagency PFAS working group on the issues facing the state of Michigan, including our residents and farmers. We believe all levels of government should closely coordinate and learn from one another on PFAS science and policy as we work to find ways to identify and eliminate PFAS from our food supply.

On behalf of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), and Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Michigan's PFAS Action Response Team (MPART) would be happy to not only brief the interagency PFAS working group but to also engage in a discussion about our Michigan experiences and recommendations we would offer at the national level. We look forward to continued discussion and coordination on this important matter.

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Please contact me at [HendershottA@Michigan.gov](mailto:HendershottA@Michigan.gov) or 616-888-0528 to coordinate the briefing. We greatly appreciate your ongoing partnership as we work towards long-term solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Abigail Hendershott".

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