



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

March 11, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Andy Harris
Chairman
Agriculture Subcommittee
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sanford Bishop, Jr.
Ranking Member
Agriculture Subcommittee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Cole, Ranking Member DeLauro, Chairman Harris, and Ranking Member Bishop:

As you develop the Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, we urge the inclusion of report language directing the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to conduct an in-depth study on the health effects of PFAS in pet food packaging on animals and humans alike.

A 2022 study by the Environmental Working Group found widespread PFAS use in pet food packaging, which poses health threats to animals and humans alike. Because of their shorter lifespans, pets develop health problems from PFAS exposure more rapidly, and some studies have found that PFAS from packaging migrates to the pet food inside. These packages also shed PFAS-laced dust that can contaminate our homes and pollute our communities when disposed of in the trash.

In 2024, the FDA announced that grease-proofing materials containing PFAS are no longer being sold for use in food packaging in the U.S. We ask the Committee to direct the FDA to expeditiously conduct a study on the effects that PFAS migration from grease-proofers in pet food packaging can have on a household, and to take steps to prohibit the use of PFAS in pet food packaging.

We ask you to include the following report language:

The Committee directs \$5,000,000 to the Food and Drug Administration to conduct a study on the health effects of PFAS migration from pet food packaging on animals and humans in order to develop regulations to protect households from these dangerous forever chemicals. The FDA has already taken steps to eliminate PFAS in human food packaging, and should take further action to eliminate PFAS in animal food packaging.

Thank you for your consideration of this important request to protect our animals and families from the dangerous health effects of PFAS forever chemicals. We look forward to working together to combat this urgent public health threat.

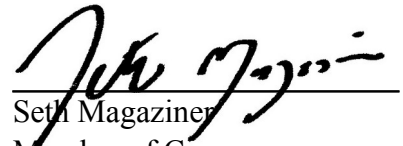
Sincerely,



Rashida Tlaib
Member of Congress



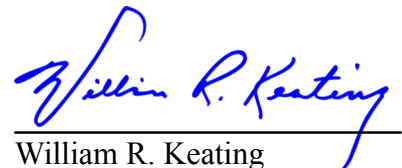
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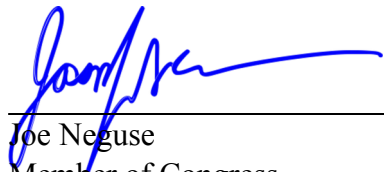
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