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RE: Oppose Slotkin Amendment #15 to the National Defense Authorization Act

Dear Representative:

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) urges you to oppose Amendment #15 to H.R. 4350, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, filed by Rep. Elissa Slotkin. Unfortunately, the amendment would undermine the Environmental Protection Agency’s transparent and science-based process for developing drinking water regulations, including for contaminants in the PFAS family.

Among several other provisions, Amendment #15 would amend the Safe Drinking Water Act by requiring EPA to promulgate a national primary drinking water regulation for PFOA and PFOS within two years. The amendment would also establish a unique and expedited drinking water contaminant regulatory process for other chemicals in the PFAS family, and eliminate EPA’s discretion on when and whether to issue drinking water health advisories related to PFAS. While we support EPA’s ongoing effort to address PFAS in drinking water, the amendment would dramatically and permanently alter how EPA must approach future PFAS regulations. These changes could place undue cost burdens on our communities and ratepayers while leading to premature regulatory decisions that lack public review and scientific validity.

Again, AMWA urges you to maintain EPA’s transparent and science-based process for developing drinking water regulations, and to oppose the permanent changes to this process that would be made by Slotkin Amendment #15.

Sincerely,

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