

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

PFAS Congressional Update
Congressman Ron Kind
Representing Wisconsin's Third Congressional District

- Rep. Kind is a member of the Bipartisan PFAS Task Force, to address the public health threat of more urgently per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) to better protect communities from the harmful effects of these dangerous chemicals.
 - In 2022, the task force has sent a letter to President Biden outlining the steps the administration must take to address PFAS contamination in our communities.
 - The task force sent a letter to House Appropriators requesting increased funding in Fiscal Year 2023 to support critical PFAS infrastructure, scientific, regulatory, and cleanup needs.
 - The task force sent a letter to the Federal Aviation Administration requesting that airports be allowed to switch to PFAS-free foam
 - The task force sent a letter to President Biden requesting federal agencies to look for products that do not include PFAS chemicals as an intentionally added ingredient when making purchases.
- Rep. Kind voted for the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which includes \$841 Million over the next five years to make sure every family has access to safe drinking water and address PFAS contamination.
- Rep. Kind successfully increased funding for USDA's Water and Waste Disposal Loan and Grant program in the government funding package, provides critical funding for clean and reliable drinking water systems, sanitary sewage and waste disposal, and storm water drainage in our rural areas.
- Rep. Kind successfully requested U.S. Treasury Secretary Yellen allow state and local governments to use funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to address PFAS contamination in their communities.

- 👉 Rep. Kind helped introduce and voted for the bipartisan PFAS Action Act, which establishes a national drinking water standard for PFAS chemicals, designates as hazardous to allow EPA to clean up contaminated sites across the country, limits industrial discharges, and provides \$200 million annually to assist water utilities and wastewater treatment.
- 👉 Rep. Kind cosponsored the Clean Water Standards for PFAS Act, which sets deadlines for the EPA to develop water quality criteria and place limits on some industrial PFAS discharges into water and to water treatment plants.
- 👉 Rep. Kind has cosponsored legislation that directs EPA to create a public website with information related to PFAS for private well owners.
- 👉 Rep. Kind signed a bipartisan letter to the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee requesting the accelerated cleanup of toxic PFAS at military installations and expanded funding to address critical research and development needs.

Rep. Kind is involved in ongoing conversations about PFAS remediation in the Town of Campbell, City of Eau Claire, and other communities in WI-03. He and his team are working with state and local officials and the Wisconsin Department of Natural resources to ensure residents have access to clean drinking water and that there is a long-term solution to get clean drinking water to the Town of Campbell.