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Please adopt the PFAS Firefighting Foam Bill rulemaking. New Mexico should adopt this to protect the health of our citizens, especially our children. As a Board Certified Pediatrician, I know that it is not always clear what types and levels of AFFFs-PFAS have been added or utilized, and New Mexicans are frequently in the dark about the levels of AFFF-PFAS contamination, and the duration of exposure of that contamination. More and more research points to significant harmful health consequences. The choice to reject these regulations will allow New Mexicans to potentially continue to experience prolonged and constant exposure to levels of PFAS including AFFFs. I am also very concerned about the cost of remediation of our waters, lands, and agriculture, if we do not deal with this NOW. Essentially: it is our State's wellbeing that is negatively afflicted by any and all PFAS pollution.