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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
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Sent via Leg.Unit@gov.ca.gov

RE: AB 2247 (Bloom) on PFAS disclosure request for signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

The PFAS crisis is headline news not only nationally but around the world, with calls from the international scientific community for restrictions of non-essential uses of these toxic chemicals and better management to prevent them from entering the environment when they are necessary. While U.S. EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan was right when he recently stated ““Communities have suffered far too long from exposure to these forever chemicals”, the sad reality is that federal progress remains slow and unsubstantial. **That is why the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is asking you to continue to be a world leader, including on this issue. For these reasons we’re asking you to sign AB 2247 into law.**

One of the biggest hurdles in addressing PFAS and preventing human and environmental exposure is the lack of information about the products in which they are used. While California has made important strides by regulating or even banning the chemicals in products known to contain them, we’ve touched just the tip of the iceberg. Every time we turn around, we learn of another use, from industrial materials to toilet paper. **Without knowing those uses we cannot make good decisions as to when PFAS are essential to human safety, when they can be replaced by safer alternatives, and how to keep them from entering our water, air, soil, and food sources.**

AB 2247 is simple **common sense**. By requiring manufacturers to report the PFAS in products entering the state, we’ll have the data we’ll need to make the decisions that protect Californians and their environment. It is also a **reasonable** bill, acknowledging industry’s complex supply chains and giving manufacturers until 2026 to report their PFAS – unlike Maine which is requiring this data by next year. And it is **cost effective** given DTSC’s involvement with the interstate clearinghouse and amendments made to keep costs down.

With numerous types of PFAS being detected in drinking water sources serving sixteen million Californians, we cannot rely on limited federal information or action. As the [Washington Post](#) recently opined in its analysis of the federal government's proposal to list two PFAS as hazardous waste, "It's good news that the administration is beginning to take action on "forever chemicals." But the proposed rule targets just two of approximately [12,000 types](#) of PFAS, found in an [estimated 41,000 sites](#) across the country."

As the Governor of the 5th largest economy in the world, AB 2247 presents you with an opportunity to not only protect California, but to continue to set a global example. We urge you to exemplify your leadership and sign this bill with all expediency.

Sincerely,



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CC: Assemblymember Bloom