



May 3, 2022

The Honorable Richard Bloom
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 8130
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2247 (Bloom): Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and PFAS products and product components: publicly accessible reporting platform – **SUPPORT AND AMEND**

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Dear Assembly Member Bloom:

On behalf of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), I am pleased to relay our support for your Assembly Bill 2247, which would require manufacturers of PFAS or products containing PFAS to disclose the presence of PFAS in those products in a publicly accessible database.

The issue of PFAS in drinking water supplies is of growing concern in southern California - including many of Metropolitan's member agencies and other retail water and groundwater management agencies within our region. Hundreds of groundwater wells in southern California are currently under scrutiny for PFAS contamination with the full extent of the problem still evolving. Some water agencies have detected two PFAS—perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS)—above notification and response levels which has led these agencies to remove impacted water supplies from service and/or invest in costly treatment.

PFAS can enter source waters through landfills, treated wastewater discharge, or where chemicals were used in manufacturing or for industrial uses. Because PFAS does not break down and are resilient, they can accumulate and lead to elevated levels in groundwater near those sites. Once in groundwater, PFAS are easily transported long distances and can contaminate drinking water wells. PFAS can also get into source waters when products containing them are used or spilled onto the ground or into lakes and rivers used for drinking water. State and federal regulatory actions for PFAS continue to progress, moving towards strict standards to ensure public health protection. At the same time, the state is investigating the sources of PFAS with a focus on water and wastewater. While progress is being made towards identifying pathways that PFAS enter our environment, better information on products that contain PFAS will help the state with efforts to control PFAS contamination at its source.

We have been in contact with the co-sponsors of your bill to discuss technical fixes to some language in the bill in order to avoid public confusion regarding the use of the term “regulated PFAS.” Those conversations have gone well and we appreciate their receptiveness to our input.

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For the reasons noted above, we support your bill to require manufacturers of PFAS or products containing PFAS to disclose the presence of PFAS in those products in a publicly accessible database. We thank you for your leadership on this important issue.

If you have any questions or comments regarding Metropolitan's position, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 650-2614.

Sincerely,



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Executive Legislative Representative

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