

Dear Members of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs,

I am writing for a favorable report for SB195 PFAS Chemicals-Prohibitions and Requirements.

A recent review from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) outlines a host of health effects associated with PFAS exposure, including cancer, liver damage, decreased fertility and increased risk of asthma and thyroid disease.

Hundreds of industrial, aviation and military sites across North America are contaminated with PFAS. By one estimate more than 110 million people in the U.S. may be drinking PFAS-contaminated water.

I applaud Maryland for standing up against these “forever chemicals” as a powerful step to improve the environment and assure future generations a healthier planet.

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