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Maryland Senate  
11 Bladen St.  
Annapolis, MD. 21401

**In Support of SB 195: Banning of the use of PFAS.**

Good day members of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee.

I am writing to you today to support for reducing the use of PFAS across the state of Maryland.

PFAS is a chemical commonly used for many household items already in our homes. This group of chemicals is used in the production of a range of products including; lifejackets, non-stick pans, carpeting and fire fighting foams. They also exist in personal care products like sunscreens, shaving creams and cosmetics like mascara.

PFAS are problematic because they are toxic to humans due to their very slow rate of decay and can remain in the planets ecosystem for decades before they begin to decompose in any way. Studies have shown that these chemicals have already entered the drinking supplies of major cities across the country including New York, and Chicago according to the Centers for Disease Control and many environmental watchdog groups.

Please support this legislation so that we can start the long process of removing this toxic substance from our everyday lives and hopefully work to remove it from our drinking water, waterways and our local ecosystem. Patchwork solutions seldom work well. We need policy that is bold, wide reaching, and can make a positive impact across the state. And maybe help to influence our regional neighbors, and their environmental policies.

Please vote to support SB 195 and return a favorable vote on this important bill.  
Thank you for your time and considering of my testimony today.

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