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Maryland's Senate
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In Support of SB 158: Pesticide Registration – PFAS – Testing Requirement

Good day members of the Senate's Education, Energy and Environment Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1500 members and fully support we am writing to you today as parents and lovers of the environment and to offer our support for SB 158 reducing or eliminating the use and amounts 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; pesticides, lifejackets, non-stick pans, carpeting and firefighting foam chemicals. They do 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 / DELMARVA neighbors, and positively impact their environmental policies.

Please support SB 158 and return a favorable report. Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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