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HB-1112 PFAS Chemicals - Civil Actions and Prohibition on Consumer Product Sales – Favorable

Good afternoon Chair Clippinger, Vice Chair Bartlett, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

Please accept my written testimony in support of HB-1112 PFAS Chemicals - Civil Actions and Prohibition on Consumer Product Sales. The driving intent for me introducing this legislation is the ongoing PFAS contamination disaster in Cecil County, made famous at the end of last year. I have had numerous constituents contact our office who have been impacted or are in the suspected contamination zone. A sizeable portion of my constituents rely on well water, and do not enjoy the luxury many larger jurisdictions have of wide-spread municipal/county water. The PFAS leak in Elkton has disproportionately impacted my constituents who rely on well water, particularly because of the soil contamination associated with PFAS. I have had some discussions with the Fireman's Association to ensure their equipment supply is not unduly disrupted by this legislation, in addition to the HVAC service association regarding a potential amendment. Similar practice is done with materials such as asbestos in other states. I would encourage the members of The Committee to read the attached news articles regarding the incident in Elkton. I am respectfully requesting a favorable report, and am open to amendments from the committee or other interested parties so long as the main intent of the bill is preserved. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin B. Hornberger".

Delegate Kevin B. Hornberger