



**Testimony of
American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA)**

House Judiciary Committee

House Bill 1112 - PFAS Chemicals - Civil Actions and Prohibition on Consumer Product Sales

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Unfavorable

The American Property Casualty Insurance Association (APCIA) is the primary national trade organization representing 90.1% of the Maryland workers' compensation insurance market. House Bill 1112 as drafted would expose employers to PFA liability suits in wrongful death and occupational disease cases even without proof of exposure to PFAs in the workplace and in the course of employment. This runs counter to the basic concept of workers' compensation and invites litigation.

This bill deletes the current statutory requirement that exposure to PFAs chemicals must "be in the workplace and contracted by a person in the course of the person's employment." Currently, section 3-904 for wrongful death actions, and section 5-113 for occupational disease actions, both require that the disease was the result of exposure to the toxic substance in the workplace and was contracted in the course of employment. HB 1112 would expose employers for PFAs liability in wrongful death and occupational disease cases even without proof of exposure to PFAs in the workplace and in the course of employment. In addition, the creates a new cause of action specifically and separately for PFAs exposure outside of workers' compensation.

APCIA opposes this legislation and urges the Committee to issue an unfavorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

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