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February 20, 2026

The Honorable Brian J. Feldman
Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee
2 West Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SUPPORT -- SB 686 (prohibition on sale of products with intentionally added PFAS compounds)

Dear Chair Feldman:

On behalf of DC Water, I am writing to **SUPPORT SB 686**, which would prohibit manufacturers from selling, offering for sale, distributing, or distributing for sale in the State, certain products containing intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemicals on or after certain dates; establishing registration requirements for certain products that contain intentionally added PFAS chemicals; providing for the testing of certain products to determine compliance with the Act; etc. This bill enables the State to eliminate PFAS compounds from products sold to consumers, whose exposure to and use of products containing PFAS directly contributes to the mass of such compounds received at wastewater treatment plants. PFAS compounds are omni-present, in untouched soils and precipitation, as well as human blood serum. Bans of certain compounds from non-stick cookware 25 years ago led to 90% reduction in the average American blood serum.

However, there is still a baseline of PFOS and other compounds present in our bodies. These legacy levels will not decrease without further source control such as presented in SB 686. Bills such as this can have a meaningful impact on PFAS levels and our exposure to them, which as a result will reduce the amount in our environment. In DC, 95% of the mass of PFAS compounds come from residential areas – we are not impacted by industrial discharge (we have little heavy industry). Many cities share our flow profile and there is little we can do to reduce the PFAS coming to our plant beyond source control. We are grateful to Senator Love for her vision and understanding of this nuance, and support SB 686. Please see the graphic in Attachment A showing PFAS levels in common household products as compared to our municipal biosolids product, Bloom.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

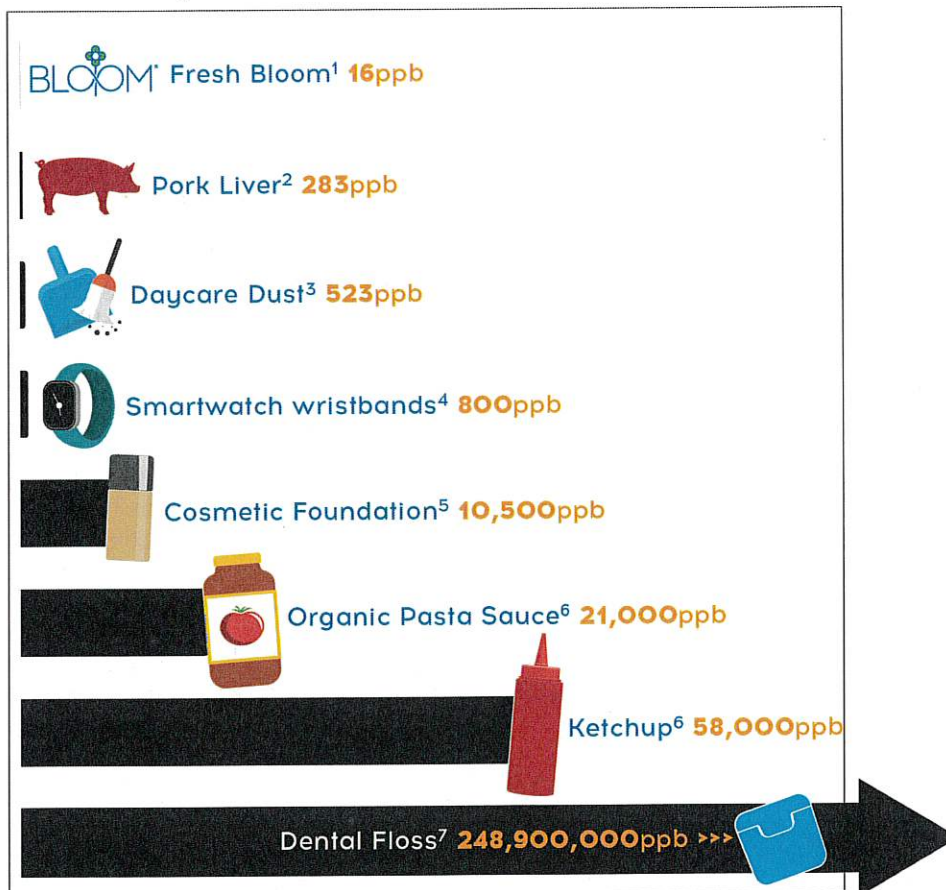
A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C Peot', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Attachment A

Relative PFAS Concentrations

PFAS Comparisons for Different Sources (parts per billion)



¹ Eurofins Environmental Testing, PFOA and PFOS, December 2025
² Concentrations of perfluoroalkyl substances in foods and the dietary exposure among Taiwan general population and pregnant women, ScienceDirect
³ Per – and polyfluoroalkyl substances in paired dust and carpets from childcarecenters, PubMed (nih.gov)
⁴ Smartwatch Wristbands, University of Notre Dame study as published in Environmental Science & Technology Letters
⁵ Fluorinated Compounds in North American Cosmetics, Environmental Science & Technology Letters (acs.org)
⁶ Toxic PFAS, the “Everywhere Chemicals,” Are in Organic Pasta Sauce and Ketchup, Drugs, Pesticides, and Foodware, Sierra Club
⁷ Dental Floss, Environmental Health News/Mamavation study (Oral-B Glide)