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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 (PFAS Chemicals – Product Phase Outs and Registration Requirements)

Dear Chair Feldman:

On behalf of the Maryland Association of Municipal Wastewater Agencies (MAMWA), I am writing to **SUPPORT SB 686**, which would ban the sale and/ or distribution of certain consumer products with intentionally added PFAS.

MAMWA is a statewide association of local governments and wastewater treatment agencies that serve approximately 95% of the State's sewered population. MAMWA Members that own or operate publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) are not PFAS sources; they are passive receivers of these chemicals after they are discharged to local sewer systems. A POTW has no way to reduce PFAS levels from these widely used consumer products. SB 686 appropriately focuses on reducing PFAS discharges from homes and businesses before they enter a POTW's system.

MAMWA also supports registration of these chemicals with the Maryland Department of the Environment. POTWs across the State are working to reduce PFAS levels in their effluent and residuals; any additional information on PFAS sources could help POTWs better pinpoint where and how to focus their efforts.

For these reasons, MAMWA urges the Committee to vote **YES** on SB 686. Please feel free to contact me with any questions at Lisa@AquaLaw.com or 804-716-9021.

Sincerely,

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cc: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee Members, SB 686
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