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The Honorable Brian Feldman and  
Members of the Senate Education,  
Energy, and Environment Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 2 West Wing  
11 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Re: Letter of Support  
SB686 PFAS Chemicals – Product Phase Outs and Registration Requirements**

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Education, Energy, and Environment Committee:

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC Water) appreciates the opportunity to provide a letter of support regarding **SB686 PFAS Chemicals – Product Phase Outs and Registration Requirements**.

WSSC Water is a bi-county state agency and self-sustaining public utility currently among the largest water and wastewater utilities in the nation, with nearly 11,000 miles of water and sewer pipeline. Our service area currently spans nearly 1,000 square miles in Prince George's and Montgomery counties, and we serve 1.9 million residents, comprising 477,124 customer accounts, in addition to being a wholesale service provider. For more than 107 years, WSSC Water has maintained an exceptional track record of zero drinking water quality violations, consistently meeting strict federal standards and safeguarding the health of our customers. As an anchor institution, WSSC Water's success is directly linked to the prosperity of our communities and customer satisfaction.

**Our PFAS Challenge:** WSSC Water, like many community water and wastewater systems, must address PFAS due to the manufacture and continued use of PFAS in consumer and industrial products.

As a drinking water utility, WSSC Water must ensure levels consistently meet EPA-established maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). WSSC Water's drinking water meets the MCLs. However, if PFAS is introduced into our source waters, WSSC Water's current treatment processes do not remove PFAS. Achieving reliable compliance is complex, as treatment technologies must be selected to address multiple contaminants simultaneously.

In our wastewater system, there are currently no enforceable limits for PFAS. However, proposed Maryland Senate Bill 719 would impose limits on PFAS concentrations in biosolids, and future federal or state regulations may impose additional restrictions on PFAS concentrations in wastewater effluent or biosolids. WSSC Water's current treatment processes do not remove PFAS in wastewater or biosolids.

**Stopping PFAS at the source:** Eliminating PFAS in production and use would prevent PFAS from entering the environmental cycle and is a critical step in reducing PFAS concentrations in drinking water, wastewater, and biosolids. The most effective and cost-efficient solution is to stop PFAS at the source and prevent it from entering our systems. That is why WSSC Water is supporting SB686.

In closing, WSSC Water supports this legislation and appreciates Maryland's commitment to stopping PFAS at the source. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 301-206-8028 or [Priscilla.To@wsscwater.com](mailto:Priscilla.To@wsscwater.com).

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