



**SB686: PFAS Chemicals – Product Phase Outs and Registration Requirements**  
**Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**  
**February 24, 2026**

Position: Favorable

Dear Chair Feldman and Members of the Committee,

Clean Water Action respectfully requests a favorable report on SB686 to phase out products containing PFAS.

PFAS are a class of more than 12,000 chemicals that are used to make products resist grease, oil, water, or heat. They are commonly found in cookware, cosmetics, clothing, carpets, firefighting foams, and many other products. PFAS chemicals are a public health concern and are linked to a wide range of public health concerns including weaker immune systems, cancer. States across the country are taking action to ban products containing PFAS.

SB686 builds on Maryland's existing ban on certain products containing PFAS including firefighting foam, carpets, and packaging. Products phased out in 2028 include: cleaning products, cookware, cosmetics, personal care products, dental floss, feminine hygiene products, pet food packaging, products for infants and children, and intimacy products. In 2029 more products would be phased out including: fabric treatments, ski wax, textiles, textile furnishings, upholstered furniture, and paint.

SB686 also creates a fund for the state's efforts to assess, prevent, and remediate contamination from PFAS in Maryland's waterways and communities.

This bill helps to turn off the tap on future PFAS pollution through consumer products.

Thank you and we urge a favorable report,

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