



**Committee:** Health and Environment and Transportation  
**Testimony on:** HB1022 – PFAS Chemicals – Product Phase Outs and Registration Requirements  
**Organization:** Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing  
**Submitting:** Dave Arndt, Co-Chair  
**Position:** Favorable  
**Hearing Date:** March 10, 2026

Dear Chair Korman and Committee Members:

Thank you for allowing our testimony today in support of HB1022, PFAS Chemicals – Product Phase Outs and Registration Requirements. The Maryland Legislative Coalition Climate Justice Wing, a statewide coalition of 32 grassroots and professional organizations focused on climate justice, urges you to vote favorably on HB1022.

PFAS is a family of 15,000 man made compounds which are known as "forever chemicals" that accumulate in the body and are linked to significant health risks, including higher cholesterol, immune system suppression (reduced vaccine response), thyroid disease, liver damage, kidney/testicular cancers, and pregnancy-induced hypertension. They can also cause developmental issues in children and reduced fertility. Due to the strong fluorine-carbon bond they do not break down naturally and there are very few and very expensive options to eliminate them from our environment.

We are exposed to PFAS on a daily basis and they are found virtually everywhere on this planet. The only practical way to reduce our exposure to PFAS is by eliminating PFAS from products we use, which will protect consumers and prevent downstream accumulations.

While a total ban is desirable, it is not practical at this time; however, phasing out PFAS use will mitigate exposures and reduce health issues. HB1022 does this by phasing out PFAS use in multiple product areas listed below, and by requiring disclosure and registration with the Maryland Department of the Environment and penalties for non-compliance.

- Jan. 2028: cleaning products, cookware, cosmetics, personal care products, dental floss, feminine hygiene products, pet food packaging, juvenile products, intimacy products.
- Jan 2029: fabric treatments, ski wax, textiles, textile furnishings, upholstered furniture, paint.

HB1022 will save thousands of Marylanders's lives and will reduce health care costs by multi-millions of dollars. These chemicals will be with us forever, so now is the time to start reducing our exposure. We urge this committee to issue a FAVORABLE report for HB1022.

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