

FOR STATE SENATOR

State Senate Bill 682

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SUBJECT: State Senate Bill 682 - Prohibiting the use of PFAS substances

Please support State Senate Bill 682. This critical legislation will prohibit the use of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in consumer products, preventing these toxic “forever chemicals” from contaminating our water, soil, and bodies. Studies have linked PFAS exposure to severe health risks, including cancer, immune system suppression, and developmental harm in children.

Please amend the bill to be in effect January 1, 2026, not the year 2033 nor 2040 that was initially given. By the time this bill will be enacted, there will already be another California generation that has to suffer the effects of PFAS.

A 2022 study published in Environmental Health Perspectives found that PFAS exposure is associated with increased risks of liver damage, metabolic disorders, and weakened immune response. Another 2023 study in JAMA reported a significant correlation between PFAS levels in blood and an increased likelihood of hypertension in middle-aged women. These findings underscore the urgent need for regulatory action to eliminate unnecessary PFAS use and protect our communities from long-term harm.

Together, we can push for policies that prioritize clean water, safer products, and healthier families.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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