



**California Special
Districts Association**
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June 22, 2022

The Honorable Richard Pan
Chair, Senate Committee on Health
1021 O Street, Room 3310
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2771 (Friedman) – Support [As Amended June 13, 2022]
Hearing Date: June 29, 2022 – *Senate Committee on Health*

Dear Senator Pan:

The California Special Districts Association (CSDA), representing approximately 1,000 independent special districts throughout the state, is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2771. CSDA represents all types of special districts, which provide millions of Californians with essential local services such as fire protection, water, healthcare, recreation and parks, and more.

Assembly Bill 2771 prohibits the manufacture or sale of any cosmetic products containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in California. Addressing PFAS issues is complex for numerous reasons. PFAS chemicals can be introduced into drinking water supplies in multiple ways, which makes source control measures like Assembly Bill 2771 even more important. In addition, PFAS contaminants do not break down and can accumulate underground, impacting groundwater sources. And although some American companies are reducing or eliminating the use of PFAS in products, the compounds are still manufactured outside of the U.S. and imported here. This bill, in its prohibition on added PFAS to products, would help address this aspect of preventing PFAS contamination.

CSDA's numerous water and wastewater district members have long been concerned about the impacts of PFAS on their systems, and the extent of the effects and scope of the problem are still being evaluated. Remediation and treatment are difficult and costly, and it is therefore imperative that steps are taken to address PFAS contamination on the front end by preventing it from ever entering water and wastewater systems in the first place. This bill is an attempt to do just that, and we are supportive of your efforts.

For these reasons, CSDA is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2771. Thank you for your consideration of our position. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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