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February 28, 2020

The Honorable Ben Allen
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4076
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 1044 – Support

Dear Senator Allen:

California Water Service (Cal Water) is the second largest water utility in California. We provide safe, reliable drinking water service to approximately 2 million Californians, including your constituents in Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, Torrance, Lomita, and the cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. We are pleased to strongly support your Senate Bill 1044 (SB 1044), which will help protect the State's drinking water supplies against contamination from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

As it has been since our founding more than 90 years ago, protecting our customers' health and safety is our highest priority. Each year, we invest hundreds of millions of dollars into our water systems to ensure we continue to deliver reliable, high-quality drinking water. We have responded to PFAS with the same vigor. Cal Water is monitoring water sources for PFAS and taking action where needed. From removing water supply sources from service to constructing new water treatment facilities, we have worked diligently to ensure the safety of the drinking water we provide to our customers. And to ensure that the responsible parties bear the costs of addressing PFAS contamination instead of our customers, we have filed a lawsuit against a group of companies that manufactured and sold firefighting foam products that released PFAS into the environment.

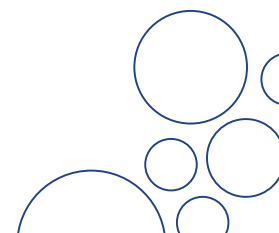
Hundreds of millions of dollars will be spent treating drinking water that has already been tainted with PFAS. Those efforts will be for naught if new sources of PFAS are allowed to simply re-contaminate water supplies. By prohibiting the sale and use of certain products that contain PFAS in California, SB 1044 will do much to help ensure that limited resources for cleanup and treatment are not wasted and, more importantly, protect California's drinking water supplies.

Please feel free to reach out to us if there is anything that we can do to assist with this vitally important legislation. Justin Skarb, our Director of Community Affairs & Government Relations, can be contacted at jskar@calwater.com.

Sincerely,

Shannon Dean

Vice President of Corporate Communications & Community Affairs





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February 24, 2022

The Honorable Phil Ting
California State Assembly
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The Honorable Cristina Garcia
California State Assembly
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The Honorable Laura Friedman
California State Assembly
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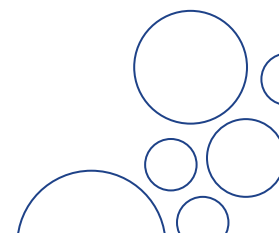
The Honorable Henry Stern
California State Senate
State Capitol
1021 O Street, Suite 7710
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1817 - Product Safety: Textile Articles - Perfluoroalkyl & Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Members Ting, Garcia, and Friedman, and Senator Stern:

California Water Service (Cal Water) provides safe, clean, and affordable drinking water to more than 2 million Californians, from Chico in the north to the Palos Verdes Peninsula in the south. We are pleased to strongly support Assembly Bill 1817 which will, for the first time, provide a clear understanding of the extent of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) entering the state.

As it has been since our founding almost 100 years ago, protecting our customers' health and safety is our highest priority. Each year, we invest hundreds of millions of dollars into our water systems to ensure we continue to deliver a reliable supply of high-quality drinking water. We have responded to PFAS with the same vigor. Cal Water has tested every one of our water supplies for PFAS. We're not aware of any other water supplier in California that has done the same. We continue monitoring our water sources for PFAS and are taking action where needed. From removing water supply sources from service to constructing new water treatment facilities, Cal Water has worked diligently to ensure the safety of the drinking water we provide to our customers. And to ensure that the responsible parties bear the costs of addressing PFAS contamination instead of our customers, we have filed a lawsuit against a group of companies that manufactured and sold firefighting foam products that released PFAS into the environment.





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In the coming years, substantial amounts of money will be spent to treat drinking water that has already been tainted with PFAS. Those efforts will be for naught if new sources of PFAS are allowed to simply re-contaminate water supplies. By prohibiting the sale of certain products that contain PFAS in California, AB 1817 will do much to help ensure that limited resources for cleanup and treatment are not wasted and, more importantly, protect California's drinking water supplies.

For these reasons, Cal Water is pleased to support AB 1817. If there is anything we can do to assist with this important measure, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Skarb". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Justin Skarb
Director of Community Affairs & Government Relations

