



## CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

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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](mailto:jskar@calwater.com).

Sincerely,

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