



## CALIFORNIA WATER SERVICE

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The Honorable Phil Ting  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol  
P.O. Box 942849  
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The Honorable Cristina Garcia  
California State Assembly  
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The Honorable Laura Friedman  
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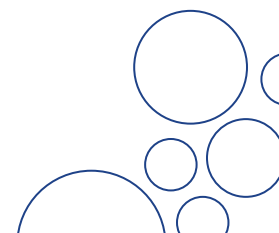
The Honorable Henry Stern  
California State Senate  
State Capitol  
1021 O Street, Suite 7710  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**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

