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The Honorable Richard Bloom
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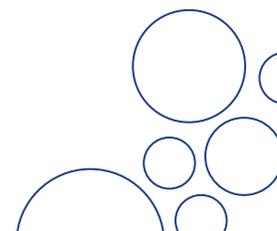
RE: AB 2247 - Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Products (Support)

Dear Assembly Member Bloom and Senator Allen:

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 2247 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.

Any effective response to PFAS requires that we have a clear understanding of the sources of PFAS that may be entering water supplies in California. By establishing a publicly accessible database that houses this very information, AB 2247 will provide us with a clear understanding of what to guard against and help protect the safety of California's drinking water supplies.





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For these reasons, Cal Water is pleased to support AB 2247. 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

