

HEALTHY PA: TAKING ACTION ON PFAS



PROTECTING OUR WATER, FAMILIES AND FIREFIGHTERS

Pennsylvanians deserve clean, safe drinking water and we deserve the tools to address contamination. PFAS, often called “forever chemicals,” have been used for decades in products ranging from firefighting foams to consumer goods because they resist heat, water, grease and oil. Some PFAS can persist in the environment for long periods of time, making contamination a serious concern. I support science-based, common-sense solutions that protect public health, safeguard our water and reduce unnecessary exposure without creating unreasonable burdens on Pennsylvania families, farmers and businesses.

WHAT ARE PFAS?

PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, are a large group of manufactured chemicals that have been used in many consumer, commercial and industrial products. PFAS have been used in the following:

- Certain firefighting foams.
- Food packaging.
- Clothing and carpets.
- Furniture.
- Other consumer and industrial products.

Because some PFAS can remain in the environment for long periods, contamination of drinking water and natural resources is a concern.

WHAT I SUPPORT

House Bill 1130: GRAS Chemicals

Requiring food companies to disclose the use of Generally Recognized As Safe (GRAS) chemicals and provide documentation showing they are safe for their intended use.

House Bill 1134: Food Dyes

Limiting the use of certain artificial food dyes in food products sold in Pennsylvania.

House Bill 1135: Paraquat

Prohibiting the use of paraquat, a highly toxic herbicide, as a pesticide in Pennsylvania.

House Bill 2145: PFAS “Forever Chemicals”

Prohibiting the manufacturing and sale of certain consumer products containing PFAS, or “forever chemicals.”

Science-Based Drinking Water Protections

Pennsylvania has taken steps to address PFAS in drinking water, including maximum contaminant levels for PFOA and PFOS, along with monitoring and reporting requirements for public water systems.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?

Protect Our Drinking Water

Continue monitoring PFAS and provide communities with the resources they need to identify and address contamination.

Protect Our Firefighters

Reduce unnecessary exposure to PFAS while ensuring firefighters have the protective equipment and resources they need.

Hold Responsible Parties Accountable

When contamination can be traced to a responsible party, taxpayers and local communities should not be left carrying the entire burden.

Follow the Science

Policies should be based on credible, peer-reviewed science and recognize that PFAS chemicals are not all the same.

Clean drinking water is essential to every Pennsylvania family. We also need to make sure our firefighters understand what chemicals they may be exposed to while protecting our communities.

COMMON-SENSE PROTECTION. SCIENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS. HEALTHY PA.

I will continue working to protect Pennsylvania families, our drinking water and the people who keep our communities safe.

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