



March 22, 2022

The Honorable Bill Quirk, Chair  
Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 171  
Sacramento, California 95814

**Subject: AB 2247 (Bloom): Support as amended on March 21, 2022**

Dear Chairman Quirk:

WateReuse California is pleased to support AB 2247 (Bloom), which would require manufacturers of PFAS or products containing PFAS to disclose the presence of PFAS in those products in a publicly accessible database. This is important and necessary information that will inform state and local decision making regarding the management of PFAS in our watersheds and the environment. WateReuse California is the trade association representing a majority of California's water recycling agencies.

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS) have recently become a topic of public concern, due to their high mobility and resistance to breaking down naturally in the environment, as well as the persistent detection of PFAS compounds in people's bodies. The State is comprehensively investigating levels of PFAS in our environment, with a particular focus on water and wastewater resources. While significant progress is being made towards identifying pathways of PFAS in our water and sewersheds, additional information is needed for agencies to be able to make efficient management decisions: local water and wastewater agencies need to know what exactly they are looking for in order to implement effective source reduction policies to limit PFAS inputs into our systems. AB 2247 would allow us to use the PFAS disclosure data required from manufacturers of PFAS or products containing PFAS to optimize pollution prevention programs at the local level through our local pre-treatment programs, and this information would generate consumer awareness about the chemicals used in everyday products and how they impact the environment. We need data to support practical and cost-effective management solutions, and AB 2247 is an important first step towards this end goal.

It's important to note that PFAS chemicals are both ubiquitous and indestructible. Without better information about sources of PFAS to support source control, local water management options are limited and costly, leading to affordability concerns for the delivery of essential public services. In some cases PFAS can be removed from water and wastewater at the end of the cycle through advanced treatment technology. However, there is no technologically feasible method for the large-scale destruction of PFAS compounds. Instead, once removed, PFAS residuals are merely displaced and transferred to another waste stream and typically cycle back through the waste management process.

For these reasons WateReuse CA supports AB 2247 and urges your "aye" vote when it is heard in the Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer West".

Jennifer West  
Managing Director

CC: Assembly Member Richard Bloom