

April 11, 2022

The Honorable Laura Friedman
Assembly Member
California State Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0019

RE: AB 2771 (Friedman) – Support

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

The Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) is pleased to support your AB 2771, which would prohibit an entity from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale in commerce any cosmetic product that contains perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). OC San provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County, CA. OC San's primary mission is to protect public health and the environment through its services.

AB 2771 is an extension of existing and proposed laws that seek to ban harmful chemicals and substances in personal care products, as well as prevent PFAS from entering our environment. As stewards of public health and the environment, removing PFAS is crucial to improving environmental sustainability and ensuring that harmful products do not reduce the effectiveness of water treatment plants and jeopardize public health. Furthermore, PFAS is difficult to remove through the traditional wastewater treatment process and traces can be found in wastewater treatment byproduct such as biosolids, which can be utilized for various beneficial reuses.

AB 2771 will bring the State one step closer to a PFAS free environment.

For these reasons, we support your bill AB 2771. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Cabral, Administration Manager at (714) 593-7581 or via mail at JCabral@ocsan.gov.

Sincerely,



John B. Withers
Board Chairman

CC: Orange County Legislative Delegation

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