



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF **HB 5910**  
AN ACT LIMITING THE USE OF POLYFLUOROALKYL CHEMICALS IN CERTAIN  
PRODUCTS

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**To:** Honorable Chairs Sen. Abrams and Rep. Steinberg and Distinguished Members of the Committee on Children

**From:** Lori Brown, Connecticut League of Conservation Voters

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **IN SUPPORT of HB 5910**, An Act Limiting the Use of Polyfluoroalkyl Chemicals in Certain Products.

According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), **polyfluoroalkyl chemicals (PFAs) are strongly linked to testicular and kidney cancer, liver damage, hormone disruption, increases in cholesterol, thyroid disruption, asthma, reproductive disorders including infertility, low birth weight, and decreased response to vaccines.** Despite these dangers, PFAs continue to be used in firefighting foam, nonstick cookware; water-repellent clothing; stain resistant fabrics and carpets; some cosmetics; products that resist grease; water, and oil; food packaging; and food service ware.

There are more than 4,000 PFAs in use today, and their prevalence has caused pollution in over 94 sites. **PFAs have been found in the tap water of millions of homes across the United States.** Furthermore, the United States Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry (ATSDR) found that PFAs were more harmful than previously thought and that **supposed “safe levels” were 10 times less than previously thought.**

Additionally, PFAs do not break down easily and remain in the environment or the human body for years. PFAs can leak out of landfills or industrial sites, endangering entire populations. It is time for Connecticut to step up and ban PFAs. On behalf of the Connecticut League of Conservation Voters, I urge you to **VOTE YES ON HB 5910.**

Thank you for considering this testimony as you deliberate on HB 5910.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Brown".

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