

To: MN Senate Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee  
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RE: SF 450, SF 834, SF 776

Dear Legislators,

I live in Plymouth, Minnesota. I am responsible for a teenager, and I have a grown daughter and several other friends and relatives who all share the same odd trait: They drink water. In fact, they are made mainly of water, as are all humans. And, increasingly, our water is contaminated with potentially dangerous “forever chemicals.”

PFAS and related compounds are the legacy of a past culture in industrial and regulatory America. Invent a chemical that a) has some marketable uses, b) produce and market it, as widely as possible, then c) later discover that the chemical has a serious negative environmental or health impact.

There is often yet another step: Let the government, aka, taxpayers, aka, those affected by the negative outcome of this commercial enterprise, pay to clean up the mess.

Don't get me wrong. I support the idea of taxpayer money going to important projects like cleaning up the environment. I believe in good government, and I believe the taxes buy us something important: civilization.

But, the main beneficiaries of PFAS production are not a nameless, faceless, unknown entity. They are corporate giants with deep pockets. Please hold them responsible.

I urge you to pass the Firefighting Foam Loophole Closure (SF776 / HF742).

Thank you,

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