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Dear Chair Stephenson and Committee Members:

On behalf of the Sustainable Furnishings Council (SFC), we want to express our support for the following bills:

- Information Disclosure (SF450 / HF372)
- Firefighting Foam Loophole Closure (SF776 / HF742)
- Non-Essential Use Ban (SF834 / HF1000)
- PFAS Ban in Juvenile Products (HF552)
- PFAS Ban in Ski Wax (SF669)
- Medical Monitoring

Through our work educating member companies in the home furnishings sector over the last 16 years, we have seen a fundamental industry shift toward creating and selling more products that do not contain harmful toxins, such as PFAS. The PFAS (per-fluoroalkyl or poly-fluoroalkyl substances) class of chemicals, commonly known as "forever chemicals," can be linked to debilitating health issues. Many home furnishings businesses (manufacturers and retailers) value their customers' health and safety, understanding that the products they build and sell can stay in consumers' homes for years. These companies also find that adopting a sustainable business model like this can be profitable.

While we and other nonprofits are working diligently to educate our stakeholders, government action is needed so that businesses will take more responsibility for the safety of the products they produce and sell to the public.

The Sustainable Furnishings Council, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to help the home furnishings industry reduce its negative impact on the climate and reduce the use of toxins in home furnishings by providing sustainability education, best practices, and industry accountability to manufacturers, retailers, suppliers, and designers.

Sincerely

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