



March 19, 2025

Chair Ann H. Rest  
Minnesota Senate - Taxes Committee  
328 Capitol  
St. Paul, MN 55155

**RE: SF 2129 – Oppose**

Dear Chair Rest and Members of the Senate Taxes Committee:

The undersigned companies and organizations are writing in opposition to SF 2129 related to a punitive 50% tax on manufacturers and retailers of products containing perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substance (PFAS).

- **SF 2129 is overly broad and will have immediate, far reaching negative consequences for nearly every sector of Minnesota’s economy, including agriculture, manufacturing, technology, and energy.**

- **SF 2129 will lead to higher costs for consumers and job losses in Minnesota's major industrial sectors, ultimately eroding the state's tax base.**
- **SF 2129 will impose a stifling tax of 50% on both manufacturers and retailers. Companies who qualify as both could see a 100% tax.**
- **SF 2129 would impose the unnecessary administrative burden of a vague, poorly defined monthly reporting requirement on a huge portion of the state's leading businesses.**
- **SF 2129 makes no distinction among the diverse class of PFAS chemicals and is not grounded in a sound scientific approach.**
- **SF 2129 seems to assume that Minnesota's manufactures and retailers will find alternative products to make and sell, which is wrong. Substances that would be considered PFAS under the bill play vital roles in Minnesota's economy that cannot be easily replaced.**

Collectively, we support the responsible production, use, and management of fluorinated substances. This includes regulatory requirements that are protective of human health and the environment, taking into consideration the diversity of physical and chemical properties and the corresponding environmental and health profiles of these compounds, the critical and essential uses of products in which these substances are present, and the technical and economic feasibility of alternatives.

PFAS are a diverse group of chemistries that provide strength, durability, stability, and resilience. These properties are critical to the reliable and safe function of a broad range of products that are important for industry and consumers. They impart a wide range of performance characteristics that are vital for the manufacture and performance of thousands of different goods and industrial equipment.

Instead of a punitive, broad tax, Minnesota should pursue PFAS policies grounded in strong scientific principles that protect human health and the environment, leverage existing regulatory requirements and resources, encourage innovation and economic development, and provide regulatory certainty to the business community. **SF 2129 does none of those things.**

Thank you for the opportunity to share these concerns.

Sincerely,

American Chemistry Council  
 American Apparel & Footwear Association  
 Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers  
 Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry  
 Autocare Association  
 Chemours

Color Pigments Manufacturers Association  
Communication Cable and Connectivity Association  
Consumer Brands Association  
Cookware Sustainability Alliance  
European Federation of the Cookware, Cutlery and Houseware Industry  
Fluid Sealing Association  
Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association  
ISSA, the Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association  
Juvenile Product Manufacturers Association  
MilliporeSigma  
Motorcycle Industry Council  
National Pest Management Association  
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers  
Performance Fluoropolymer Partnership  
Plastics Industry Association  
Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America  
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance  
Syensqo  
The Power Tool Institute  
Valve Manufacturers Association  
Window and Door Manufacturers Association