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**ORANGE COUNTY WATER DISTRICT**  
ORANGE COUNTY'S GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY

May 5, 2021

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

RE: AB 652 (Friedman) Product safety: juvenile products: chemicals: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances - Support

Dear Assemblymember Friedman:

Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) writes in support of your bill AB 652 as it is a perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) source-control bill. By July 1, 2023, AB 652 prohibits the sale in this state of any new juvenile product, such as a crib mattress, that contains intentionally added PFAS. The bill would also establish requirements for manufacturers when replacing PFAS chemicals in juvenile products. AB 652 reduces the use of PFAS that could lead to these “forever-chemicals” in the environment that could ultimately end up in water systems.

OCWD is in support of PFAS source control. In December 2019, OCWD launched the nation’s largest pilot testing program to test treatment techniques in a proactive effort to remove PFAS detected in local groundwater supplies. The District also led a planning study to help water agencies determine how new treatment facilities could be most rapidly and economically implemented. Despite playing no role in releasing PFAS into the environment, public water systems must find ways to remove it from drinking water supplies.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me or OCWD Legislative Liaison Alicia Dunkin at [adunkin@ocwd.com](mailto:adunkin@ocwd.com) or (714) 378-8232 if you have any questions and/or if we may be of any assistance on water policy issues in the coming year.

Sincerely,

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Liaison Committee

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