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April 26, 2022

The Honorable Richard Bloom
State Capitol,
P.O. Box 942849, Room 4001
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: AB 2247 (Bloom): Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) products: disclosure: publicly accessible reporting platform - Support

Dear Assemblymember Bloom:

Orange County Water District (OCWD; the District) writes to support AB 2247, which would require manufacturers of PFAS or products containing PFAS to disclose the presence of PFAS in those products in a publicly accessible database.

OCWD is a global leader in water resiliency and is dedicated to the development of a sustainable, safe water supply for 2.5 million people. Home to the Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS), the world's largest water recycling project, OCWD is also leading the way in swiftly addressing PFAS. The District implemented the nation's largest pilot program to develop effective PFAS treatment systems and has been designing and building systems throughout the county, since the state's Response Levels for PFOA and PFOS were lowered.

Groundwater from OCWD comprises most of the water supply in our service area, with some water providers relying on it for 100% of their supply. Currently, 11 of the water agencies we serve are impacted by PFAS and a total of 59 wells require treatment—this number may increase. All but two of these wells are located within disadvantaged communities. The capital cost for the 36 individual PFAS treatment plants is approximately \$277 million, with a total PFAS price tag, including operations and maintenance, estimated at \$1 billion over 30 years. Four treatment plants, including the nation's largest at the Yorba Linda Water District, are already operating. PFAS impacts vary by provider with some having all their wells affected. Given that OCWD provides the primary water source to its service area and has experienced severe PFAS impacts, an early and robust response to this issue was necessary.

PFAS not only affects Orange County, but impacts counties statewide including Riverside, Los Angeles, San Diego, Fresno, Alameda, San Joaquin, Butte, Tulare, and Sacramento. An informal survey of impacted cities and water districts in these counties yielded an estimated combined total of \$573.4 million in capital costs, with operations and maintenance costs far

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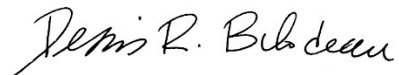
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exceeding \$2 billion over the next 30 years. This cost will increase as more areas are surveyed and treatment cost estimates are developed.

We, therefore, support AB 2247 and encourage you to contact us should you need additional information. Legislative Affairs Liaison Alicia Dunkin may be reached at (714) 477-3750 or adunkin@ocwd.com to help facilitate your requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Denis R. Bilodeau".

Denis R. Bilodeau, P.E.
Director