



TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House Consumer Protection, Technology, and Utilities Committee

FROM: Alex Halper, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose H.B. 2145 - PFAS Ban**

The PA Chamber urges you to oppose H.B. 2145, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, and distribution of certain consumer products containing PFAS, while creating new certification, notification, and enforcement requirements overseen by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Violations would be treated as unfair or deceptive practices under the Unfair Trade Practices and Consumer Protection Law, exposing businesses to penalties and private litigation.

The bill also mirrors shortcomings seen in other PFAS proposals, including overly broad definitions that fail to distinguish among the many PFAS compounds with different properties, risk profiles, and uses. Additionally, the bill's imprecise definitions of "PFAS chemical" and "intentionally added PFAS" risk sweeping in products beyond the bill's intent, creating regulatory uncertainty and the potential need for future fixes, exemptions, or rulemaking.

Lastly, the bill's compliance and enforcement framework would impose significant costs and liability risks across complex supply chains, even for businesses acting in good faith. By expanding DEP authority into consumer product regulation and diverging from federal and other states' science-based approaches, H.B. 2145 would contribute to a patchwork regulatory landscape that undermines predictability and competitiveness for Pennsylvania employers.

It is for these reasons that the PA Chamber respectfully opposes HB 2145.

Thank you for considering our views on this matter. Please contact Alex Halper at ahalper@pachamber.org or 717-645-8730 with questions or to discuss.

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