Testimony in opposition to H6059: Consumer PFAS Ban Act of 2024

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To Chair Bennett and the honorable Members of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee:

I oppose the bill because it tracks back requirements that currently protect consumers by allowing to use products containing intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) if authorized for food contact for consumer goods by the United Stated Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

There is a growing scientific consensus that there is no safe limit for the highly toxic PFAS, and it is concerning that the FDA has been dismantled by the current administration to a point were it can be doubted that they will be able any longer to sufficiently consider scientific evidence and defend their position against special interests who might favor profit over consumer safety. That the current administration discredits science and massively deregulates industry adds to this concern.

Please protect the health of Rhode Islanders and do NOT bring the bill to a vote but leave the current regulation unchanged.

Thank you very much for considering my input.

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