



March 31, 2026

Chair David Bennett and Vice-Chair Robert Phillips
Rhode Island House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903-1105

**RE: LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO HB 7734, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY --
CONSUMER PFAS BAN ACT OF 2024**

Chair Bennett and Vice-Chair Phillips,

On behalf of the members of the Personal Care Products Council (PCPC)¹, I am writing to express our opposition to HB 7734. The bill aims to amend previously passed legislation that prohibits the use of intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances in certain products. PCPC appreciates the intent of the bill but the legislation doesn't address our concerns with the initial legislation and has the potential to create confusion for manufacturers.

PCPC is the leading national trade association representing cosmetics and personal care products companies and serving as the voice on scientific, regulatory, legislative and international issues for the global cosmetics industry. PCPC and its member companies have a long history of going above and beyond what is required by law and working on public policy with various stakeholders at all levels of government. In Rhode Island, the industry employs more than 11,220 residents and contributes more than \$519 million to the state's GDP.

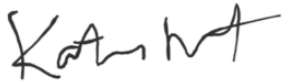
The Rhode Island legislature passed SB 2152 in 2024 which prohibited intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) substances in cosmetics and other consumer products. The legislation is set to go into effect on January 1, 2027 and our member companies are set to comply with the law. If the legislature passes additional restrictions on these products, prior to the previous requirements being implemented manufacturers might not be able to comply.

¹ Founded in 1894, the Personal Care Products Council (PCPC) is the voice and advocate for 600 member companies representing the \$529.3 billion global cosmetics and personal care products industry. PCPC's members represent approximately 90% of the U.S. beauty industry and are some of the most beloved and trusted brands in beauty and personal care today. As the manufacturers, distributors and suppliers of a diverse range of products millions of consumers rely on every day – from sunscreens, toothpaste and shampoo to moisturizer, makeup and fragrance – PCPC's member companies are global leaders committed to product safety, quality and innovation.

Many products take years of research and development to be ready to come to market. Reformulation of products takes between 18-24 months so imposing additional regulatory restrictions impedes manufacturers from the ability to comply with the law.

PCPC urges the committee to oppose HB 7734 and allow the previous passed legislation to be implemented before adding additional requirements on manufacturers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Katie Wright". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Katie" being more prominent than the last name "Wright".

Katie Bernard Wright
VP, State Government Affairs
Personal Care Products Council

Cc: House Committee on Environment and Natural Resources committee members