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Re: SB 926 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRESENCE OF PFAS IN CERTAIN CONSUMER PACKAGING

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Dear Senator Cohen, Representative Borer, Ranking Members Senator Miner, Representative Harding and distinguished members of the Environment Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Norwalk River Watershed Association (NRWA) which represents over 2000 participants working together to protect water quality and fish and wildlife habitat in six CT towns-- Norwalk, Wilton, Ridgefield, Redding, Weston, New Canaan--to ask for your support of SB 926 An Act Concerning the Presence of PFAS in Certain Consumer Packaging.

PFAS chemicals have contaminated drinking water and the environment worldwide. [Interactive Map: PFAS Contamination Crisis: New Data Show 2,337 Sites in 49 States \(ewg.org\)](#). In Connecticut, they have contaminated the Farmington River, private wells in Greenwich, the Connecticut River through leachate from landfills and other sources in Ellington, and towns across the state. **In our watershed, we had drinking water wells operated by Norwalk's First Taxing District closed due to PFAS levels last year.** We are very concerned about this issue and urge you to act now to pass this bill in order to help stop the flow of these forever chemicals into our environment threatening our drinking water, our rivers, Long Island Sound, our fish and shellfish. These are not chemicals that can be cleaned up or removed from the environment, and the expense of having our ground water and surface water contaminated is something we cannot afford. We have the power to help turn off the tap by restricting use in packaging, and we have a responsibility to do so.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

Sincerely,

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New Canaan, Norwalk, Redding, Ridgefield, Weston, Wilton, Lewisboro NY