



THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

July 27, 2026

Her Excellency Maura T. Healey
Governor of the Commonwealth
24 Beacon St., Room 280
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Governor Healey,

We are writing to request that your administration issue an executive order to stop any and all purchases of PFAS-laden products by executive office agencies if there are safe PFAS-free alternatives.

Massachusetts has consistently led the nation on enacting policies to protect the health of individuals, families, and communities from harmful chemicals. This order would extend the Commonwealth's groundbreaking environmental purchasing policy and build upon your own administration's efforts to develop and improve our public health systems.

Most recently, the legislature passed bill, *An Act relative to the reduction of certain toxic chemicals in firefighter personal protective equipment*, which you signed into law last session. The law provides the beginning of a solution to the leading cause of death for firefighters, occupational cancer, and provides a standard definition of "intentionally added PFAS" as a mechanism for future regulation of PFAS-containing products. However, simply avoiding PFAS products is not as easy as it sounds.

The pervasive presence of these chemicals is not disclosed and they can spread everywhere. Because they are so resilient to breakdown, PFAS can accumulate in high-traffic areas, making avoiding PFAS impossible for some, especially if public facilities and workplaces are full of contaminated products. To enact the best public health practices, it is crucial that Massachusetts, a state that makes evidence-based policy decisions, takes action to restrict PFAS exposure. Adopting PFAS-free purchasing would increase public awareness on the matter, while we work towards finding and developing PFAS-free alternatives to common products.

Breakthroughs are possible due to direction and consumer demand. An executive order would send a market signal and increase consumer demand for safes products without disrupting businesses across Massachusetts. Several cities and towns within the Commonwealth, like Newton, Brookline, and Middleborough, already reducing PFAS through procurement policy. And as Attorney General, you yourself filed a class action lawsuit against 13 PFAS manufacturers for their damnatory pollution of drinking water and damage done to natural resources throughout the

Commonwealth. We thank you for standing up to the inaction and deception by manufacturers of PFAS that put direct costs, both financial and health, on citizens of Massachusetts for decades. If we are to continue this proactive response to PFAS, a logical next step would be to rid our state agencies of such toxins. Doing so would set an example not only for businesses and families across the commonwealth, but also other states that may be skeptical of PFAS-free alternatives or the costs they might impose.

Reducing the prevalence of PFAS should be a top priority of your administration. The need to identify and development alternatives can be accelerated with state policy. Attached is a letter from February 10, 2025; based on our conversations, our understanding is that the administration has met with these groups regarding this matter. As such, we strongly urge you to issue an executive order that would eliminate products containing PFAS from all state procurement when safer alternatives are readily available.

Sincerely,

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