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The Honorable Diane Papan
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 4220
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 246 – Orange County Sanitation District SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Papan:

On behalf of Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) I write in support of your Assembly Bill 246, which seeks to ensure that additional perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are kept out of our environment. OC San provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County, CA. OC San’s primary mission is to protect public health and the environment through its services.

In recent years, California has led the nation in source control legislation aimed at preventing additional PFAS substances from entering our environment. This important bill will add a well-known contributor of PFAS substances to the list of products being addressed in the spirit of source control.

Specifically, your bill would prohibit any person from manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale any menstrual products that contain regulated PFAS, and requires a manufacturer to use the least toxic alternative when removing regulated PFAS in menstrual products to comply with these provisions. This bill is consistent with other bills in recent years that have systematically addressed PFAS contamination across the State.

The bill would also require a manufacturer of a menstrual product to provide persons that offer the product for sale or distribution in the State with a certificate of compliance stating that the menstrual product is in compliance with these provisions and does not contain any regulated PFAS.

We appreciate your support on this critical source control bill and look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Cabral, Administration Manager at (714) 593-7581 or via mail at JCabral@ocsan.gov.

Sincerely,

Chad P. Wanke
Board Chairman

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