



March 24, 2026

RE: HF 4257 (Heintzeman) - Date by which manufacturers are required to submit information about products containing intentionally added PFAS modified, and use of PFAS in products as currently unavoidable uses clarified

Dear Chair Fischer, Chair Heintzeman, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of Minnesota Retailers, we write in support of HF 4257 (Heintzeman). As implementation moves forward relating to PFAS regulation, it is critical that the framework works not just in statute, but in practice—for manufacturers, retailers, and ultimately consumers. HF 4257 provides important, practical adjustments to support that goal.

The modified timeline for manufacturer reporting is a commonsense step that will improve the accuracy, completeness, and reliability of data submitted to the state. Retailers rely on that upstream information to ensure compliance, and a rushed or incomplete reporting system risks confusion, product disruptions, and unintended consequences for consumers.

Also clarifying that requirements apply to products “manufactured on or after” the effective date provides needed certainty. Retailers operate complex supply chains with inventory that may already be in distribution or on shelves. This clarity helps avoid unnecessary waste, reduces compliance ambiguity, and ensures a smoother transition for businesses and consumers alike.

Finally, we support the bill’s clarification of currently unavoidable uses. Minnesota law already recognizes that some PFAS uses cannot yet be eliminated without compromising product safety or essential functionality. Providing clearer guidance in this area ensures that products consumers depend on remain available while innovation continues toward alternatives.

From a retail and consumer perspective, HF 4257 strikes a balance—maintaining Minnesota’s effort to reduce PFAS exposure while improving implementation, transparency, and market stability.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Nustad", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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