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Representative Zach Stephenson  
Chair, House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee

Chair Stephenson and Commerce Finance and Policy Committee Members:

I am writing in support of HF2952 to prohibit the manufacture and sale of ski wax containing PFAS chemicals. I am an amateur cross-country skier, and I enjoy participating in citizen ski races such as the Vassaloppet in Mora, MN and others around the state. I personally quit using ski wax containing PFAS (fluoro waxes) last year due to their harmful environmental effects, however I believe legislation is necessary to further reduce their use in our sport.

Fluoro ski waxes are still available for purchase at local ski shops, and ski wax policies are ambiguous at local cross-country ski races. The international ski federation is in the process of implementing a ban for sanctioned events, but the process is slow, testing for PFAS is difficult, and as a result current anti-fluoro policies rely on the honor system. The benefits of fluorinated ski wax are substantial, and some skiers will continue to use them until they are no longer available. In addition to reducing harmful environmental impacts, legislation can help to clarify the rules and level the playing field.

I wrote about my decision to stop using fluorinated ski waxes last year for [mnxc.org](https://www.mnxc.org)  
<https://www.mnxc.org/post/giving-up-fluoro-ski-wax>

Thank you for your work on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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