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**Re: Support for HF4257**

The Sustainable PFAS Action Network (SPAN) is writing to express support for HF4257. SPAN is a coalition of PFAS users and producers that are committed to sustainable, risk-based PFAS management. Our members advocate for responsible policies that assure long-term human health and environmental protection while recognizing the critical need for certain PFAS materials as a contributor to US economic growth and competitiveness.

SPAN is appreciative of the work MPCA has done since the passage of Amara's Law in 2023. We have developed a strong cooperative relationship with many regulators, legislators, and stakeholders in Minnesota, as the state has prepared to implement the most expansive PFAS consumer products law in the country. While we agree with MPCA's intent, SPAN has strongly urged that Minnesota adopt sustainable, risk-based changes that would not only align Minnesota with other states, but make Amara's law considerably more implementable, and thus allow MPCA to focus on the aspects of the law that would directly address pollution issues in the state.

For these reasons, SPAN strongly supports the adoption of HF4257. The list of exemptions outlined in the legislation would save MPCA considerable time and resources, given that they represent some of the most essential industries that make up the modern 21<sup>st</sup> century economy. Allowing their automatic exemption will save MPCA countless hours reviewing Currently Unavoidable Use applications, and will allow for critical Minnesota job creators to continue operating in the state with a better degree of certainty.

Other states have passed class-wide PFAS bans, such as Maine and New Mexico, and have had great difficulty implementing their programs without an initial essential use exemption list like the one currently in HF4257. Minnesota remains the only state with a class-wide reporting program and total product ban without such a list. If the PFAS in Products program goes forward as is, most of the manufacturers of complex products in Minnesota will not be able to continue operating in the state.

While SPAN would stress that the essential uses list outlined in HF4257 is not complete, its adoption is a critical step for Minnesota to take in making the PFAS in Products program considerably more efficient and effective. Thank you for the opportunity to comment, and please reach out to SPAN with any questions or comments.