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Representative Josh Heintzeman
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Representative Peter Fischer
Co-Chair
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On behalf of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, a statewide organization representing more than 6,300 businesses and more than half a million employees, thank you for holding a hearing on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) PFAS Reporting Information System for Manufacturers (PRISM). MPCA created PRISM as a portal for manufacturers to submit their product information to comply with the 2023 PFAS law.

PRISM thus far has been plagued with issues, ranging from information technology shortcomings to substantive, complex problems. Because the statute gives the Commissioner the authority to move the reporting date, the Commissioner rightfully moved the deadline from January 1, 2026 to July 1, 2026 due to previously being unable to comply with the original legislative deadline.

MPCA "soft launched" PRISM by creating a beta tool in January of 2026, six months ahead of the new July deadline. Several Chamber members were part of the beta process. Feedback from manufacturers on use of the beta tool was universal: the product was nearly impossible to use, plagued with IT and substantive errors, and despite marginal fixes, is not sufficient to intake the information required by statute. Even large companies with sophisticated IT departments and supply chain management teams struggled with usability. Concerns and challenges have been shared in writing by the Chamber with the MPCA.¹

Handling of proprietary information also concerns manufacturers. Trade secrets are necessary to maintain competitive advantages and encourage innovation. Minnesota also has a footprint of defense manufacturers, who express concern about compounds required for federal contracts entered into PRISM.

Besides sharing publicly what's included in supply chains, the reporting system will be used by MPCA to inform the final plank of the 2023 PFAS Law: the ban of all products that do not receive a currently unavoidable use designation. If manufacturers are unable to report due to usability, IT concerns, or substantive shortcomings in PRISM, MPCA will be challenged to determine which products should appropriately be exempt from the 2032 ban.

¹ [January 15, 2026 Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Letter to MPCA re: PRISM Soft Launch](#)

Research shows Minnesota's economy lagging in several key indicators. Tying the hands of manufacturers who want to invest and grow in our state will only exacerbate those economic shortcomings. It is possible to preserve the spirit of the 2023 PFAS law while making it feasible for compliance.

Thank you to Co-Chairs Heintzeman and Fischer for holding this hearing. The Chamber looks forward to partnering with the legislature and the Administration in ensuring a workable regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Morley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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