



August 25, 2023

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814-0007

**RE: Assembly 1423 – Product safety: PFAS: artificial turf or synthetic surfaces (Schiavo) –
SUPPORT (As Amended on July 3, 2023)**

Dear Senator Portantino,

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I write to express our support for Assembly Bill (AB) 1423, which would prohibit the installation, manufacture, or sale of artificial turf containing Perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and prohibit public and private schools from installing artificial turf that contains PFAS, protecting our children's health.

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PFAS are a class of "forever chemicals" which, when ingested, inhaled, or contacted with the skin can harm human and environmental health. This includes negative impacts on the immune system, cardiovascular system, childhood development, and increased risks of cancer. In fact, based on new data and draft analyses, the Environmental Protection Agency's most recent interim health advisories for these synthetic chemicals in drinking water are 4 to 20 parts per quadrillion (ppq), depending on the specific chemical. These are below detection limits, which means that there is virtually no safe level for these compounds in water.

California has passed numerous bills to eliminate PFAS from consumer products that pose a specific risk through regular contact. These include juvenile products (AB 652, 2021); cosmetics (AB 2771, 2021 & AB 2762, 2019); firefighting foam and equipment (AB 1044, 2019); food packaging (AB 1200, 2021); and textiles (AB 1817, 2021). One product that has yet to be addressed which creates hazardous conditions, especially for children, is artificial turf. PFAS is in every blade as it is used to prevent the blade from sticking to the mold in the extrusion process. It is time we take action to reduce exposure to this chemical and protect our children from these forever chemicals which have serious negative impacts on their development, as well as increase their risk of cancer.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 1423 and thank you for your leadership on this most important issue. Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate Alyssa Silhi with Renne Public Policy Group at (916) 505-4978.

Sincerely,

Natalie Rogers, Mayor