



**TESTIMONY FOR SB0273
ENVIRONMENT - PFAS CHEMICALS – PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS
(GEORGE ‘WALTER’ TAYLOR ACT)**

Bill Sponsor: Senator Elfreth

Committee: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Organization Submitting: Maryland Legislative Coalition

Person Submitting: Cecilia Plante, co-chair

Position: FAVORABLE

I am submitting this testimony in favor of SB0273 on behalf of the Maryland Legislative Coalition. The Maryland Legislative Coalition is an association of activists - individuals and grassroots groups in every district in the state. We are unpaid citizen lobbyists and our Coalition supports well over 30,000 members.

PFAS chemicals are ‘forever chemicals’ since they never break down. PFAS chemicals are used in firefighting foam, food packaging, rugs and carpets. They are polluting our drinking water and are accumulating in our bodies. They have been linked to cancer and other serious illnesses.

This bill, if passed, would prevent the mass incineration or landfilling of PFAS chemicals. It would also prohibit the manufacture, sale or distribution of products containing PFAS chemicals, such as rugs and carpets, food packaging and firefighting foam.

We are poisoning ourselves and our children. Think of the future effects of this poison as it continues to accumulate in our children. We must stop the use of these toxic chemicals immediately.

We support this bill and recommend a **FAVORABLE** report in committee.