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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
 State of California Governor
 1021 O Street, Suite 9000
 Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 246 (Papan): Product Safety: Menstrual Products: Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances.
 Orange County Sanitation District – Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of Orange County Sanitation District (OC San) I write to respectfully ask for your signature on AB 246. AB 246 ensures that additional perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are kept out of our environment. OC San provides wastewater collection, treatment, and recycling for approximately 2.6 million people in central and northwest Orange County, CA. OC San’s primary mission is to protect public health and the environment through its services.

In recent years, California has led the nation in source control legislation aimed at preventing additional PFAS substances from entering our environment. This important bill will add a well-known contributor of PFAS substances to the list of products being addressed in the spirit of source control.

Specifically, AB 246 would prohibit any person from manufacturing, distributing, selling, or offering for sale any menstrual products that contain regulated PFAS, and requires a manufacturer to use the least toxic alternative when removing regulated PFAS in menstrual products to comply with these provisions. This bill is consistent with other bills in recent years that have systematically addressed PFAS contamination across the State.

AB 246 requires a manufacturer of a menstrual product to provide persons that offer the product for sale or distribution in the State with a certificate of compliance stating that the menstrual product is in compliance with these provisions and does not contain any regulated PFAS.

For these reasons, OC San respectfully requests your signature on AB 246. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (714) 606-1973 or via email at chad@chadwanke.com; or Jennifer Cabral, Administration Manager at (714) 593-7581 or via Email at JCabral@ocsan.gov.

Sincerely,

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 Board Chairman

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