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Chair Ingebrigtsen, Chair Hansen & Members of the Environment and Natural Resources Conference Committee:

On behalf of the members of the Personal Care Products Council (“PCPC”), I am writing to oppose a provision in the House’s omnibus environment and natural resources supplemental appropriation bill (Art. 4, Sec. 3) regarding PFAS in cosmetics. This language was previously introduced and heard in committee as HF 2906. The language would regulate cosmetics and personal care products and impose unnecessary new burdens and undue costs on the suppliers, manufacturers, retailers, and consumers of these products.

PCPC is the leading national trade association for the global cosmetics and personal care products industry. Founded in 1894, PCPC’s more than six-hundred-member companies manufacture, distribute, and supply the vast majority of finished personal care products marketed in the United States. As the manufacturers of a diverse range of products that millions of consumers rely on every day—from sunscreens, toothpaste and shampoo to moisturizers, lipstick and fragrances—our member companies are global leaders committed to product safety, quality, and innovation.

The House proposal seeks to ban an entire class of chemicals and provides limited time for manufacturers to get into compliance and would place new burdens on sellers of cosmetics at all levels. These burdens would only compound ongoing the supply chain issues manufacturers have been facing since the start of the pandemic. Most notably, the proposal would put significant new burdens on anyone that would selling cosmetics in Minnesota including retailers, beauty salons, and barbershops. Many of these small businesses experienced extended closure or limitations in response to the pandemic and continue to face economic challenges.

Lastly, the House proposal would create new criminal liability for manufacturers, distributors, and retailers in Minnesota.

In summary, the House proposal contained in Article 4, Section 3 is part of a broad, sweeping package of bills that attempt to attack an entire class of chemicals without any level of industry or product-specific intentionality. As such, PCPC encourages the Conference Committee to reject the language contained in the House bill, Article 4, Section 3.

Thank you and we appreciate your consideration of the views of the members of the Personal Care Products Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael F. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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