



**For the Environment Committee
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Rivers Alliance was formed to fight for sound water policies at the state and federal levels, to provide education on water resources, and to advocate for any person or group striving to protect water. If you want clean, free-flowing and healthy rivers, and high-quality drinking water, Rivers Alliance is here to help.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the following raised bill before you today.

SB 884 AA CONCERNING THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE CONCENTRATION FOR 1,4 DIOXANE IN HOUSEHOLD CLEANING AND PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS AND COSMETICS – Supports

Emerging contaminants from pharmaceuticals, cleaning products, and personal care items are increasingly being detected at low levels in our drinking water. This is a serious concern. The ongoing crisis with PFAS chemicals demonstrates how costly and difficult it is to address public health threats when action is delayed—often to protect corporate profits. Let’s not make the same mistake and make progress in turning off the tap on 1,4 Dioxane by getting it out of our every day products.

I am not a doctor or a chemist, but I trust the research conducted by experts at respected institutions like Yale when they unequivocally state that “the combined evidence from the EPA’s risk assessments and our research underscores the carcinogenic risk of 1,4-dioxane exposure and highlights the need for regulatory measures to limit human exposure.” In contrast, I am skeptical of those whose primary motivation is financial gain when they dismiss experts from respected institutions.

We must **listen to independent scientists** and **act now** to prevent another crisis. Let’s learn from the mistakes made with PFAS and take proactive steps to protect our water and public health by removing 1,4 Dioxane from products we use every day.