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Assemblymember Patricia Fahy's Statement on Governor Hochul Signing Legislation Banning PFAS Chemicals in Common Forms of Apparel

Legislation bans the use of toxic, carcinogenic PFAS chemicals in common forms of apparel and clothing items

ALBANY, NY (Jan. 3) — Today, Assemblymember Patricia Fahy (D—Albany) announced that Governor Hochul has signed A.7063 Fahy/S.6291 Hoylman, which bans the use of toxic, carcinogenic PFAS chemicals in common forms of apparel and clothing items. Studies have shown that PFAS chemicals used in garments and apparel can seep into our water table, groundwater, and drinking water supply through activities like machine washing. This legislation will reduce New Yorkers' exposure to this dangerous class of chemicals and cement the state's reputation as a leader in the fight to reduce exposure to PFAS and other toxic chemicals.

"When we buy clothing or other forms of common apparel, we assume that product is safe for our families," **said Assemblymember Patricia Fahy**. "PFAS — a dangerous and cancer-causing class of chemicals commonly used in everyday items of clothing — however, is anything but safe for New Yorkers. New Yorkers and their families should be assured their clothing and apparel is not toxic to their health, and I am proud to have championed this legislation alongside Senator Brad Hoylman to protect New York families' health. I thank Governor Hochul for signing this legislation into law and am proud New York is leading the way, once again, in the national effort to reduce exposure to these dangerous and toxic chemicals."

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