AN EU-WIDE PFAS RESTRICTION THAT PROTECTS HEALTH

PROBLEMS WITH PFAS

- → They are everywhere and are accumulating; in our bodies and the environment
- → Linked to many health impacts: cancer, thyroid disease, immune dysfunction and hormone disruption
- estimated at €52-84 billion
- → Used in everyday products such as food packaging, non-stick pans, waterproof clothing, cosmetics, paints and pesticides
- → Class of over 10,000 chemicals
- → 12,5 million Europeans are estimated to be exposed to drinking water polluted by PFAS
- → 17,000 sites across Europe are estimated to be contaminated with PFAS



Covers over 10,000 substances, including fluoropolymers, to prevent regrettable substitution.



SET TIME LIMITS:

Time limits imposed for exceptions will ensure a swift transition away from PFAS.



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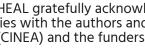
LIMIT DIRECT **HUMAN EXPOSURE:**

Exemptions should not be granted for uses where humans are directly exposed, like food packaging or water pipes.



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STRENGTHS OF THE PROPOSAL

Persistence as a key justification for the restriction.

Burden of proof on industries to obtain derogations for continued use of PFAS.

$\downarrow DEMANDS FOR \\ \downarrow IMPROVEMENTS \downarrow$

EXPAND SCOPE: PFAS pesticides and biocides must be included in restriction scope.

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STANDARDISE REPORTING:

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Consistency in reporting industry derogations to reduce risk from PFAS.

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