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## SB 887, An Act Exempting Certain Cookware from PFAS Requirements

Dear Senator Lopes, Representative Parker, Senator Hochadel, Representative Bumgartner, and esteemed members of the Environment Committee,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to SB 887, An Act Exempting Certain Cookware from PFAS Requirements.

The Interreligious Eco-Justice Network is a faith-based environmental organization that works with religious communities across Connecticut on environmental issues, such as climate change, toxic pollution, and species loss. Hundreds of congregations in Connecticut have implemented a variety of protocols to reduce their energy use, eliminate toxic chemicals, and create sustainable practices in their houses of worship. Just last week, I was contacted by a synagogue in eastern CT that was seeking to replace their dishware with non-toxic alternatives.

The houses of worship that we work with (and their members) are quite concerned about PFAS and other toxic chemicals. We were all elated at the strong action taken by the CT Legislature in 2024 to ban this harmful class of chemicals. It is distressing to see that industry is trying to create a carve-out for different formulations of PFAS, so that it can be used in cookware.

The bill passed last year was passed unanimously out of this Committee. It was actually strengthened with an amendment to ban PFAS in biosolids. Please don't weaken the law you passed, which protects our drinking water, public health, and wildlife habitat. IREJN believes passage of SB 887 will create a slippery slope; more and more carveouts will be created until there is no reduction in PFAS. Connecticut defines PFAS as a class of compounds with one fully fluorinated carbon atom. When congregations come to IREJN to ask for advice, we certainly could not in good conscience recommend cookware with this different formulation of PFAS.

We urge you to vote against SB 887, An Act Exempting Certain Cookware from PFAS Requirements.

Very best regards,

Terri Eickel, Executive Director