

1 TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

2 The Committee on Fish, Wildlife and Water Resources to which was
3 referred Joint House Resolution J.R.H. 26 entitled “Joint resolution relating to
4 the amendment of the federal Toxic Substances Act and its preemption
5 provisions” respectfully reports that it has considered the same and
6 recommends that the resolution be amended as follows:

7 First: By amending the first Whereas clause to read as follows:

8 Whereas, more than 84,000 chemicals are in registered with EPA for use
9 in the United States, and each year more than approximately 1,000 chemicals
10 are added to the list, and

11 Second: By amending the third Whereas clause to read as follows:

12 Whereas, on Congress’s passage in 1976 of the Toxic Substances
13 Control Act, Pub.L. 94-469 (TSCA), the law grandfathered 62,000 chemicals
14 from regulation, only approximately 200 chemicals have been fully tested
15 since passage, just five chemicals have been banned or restricted, and no
16 chemicals have been banned in more than 20 years, and

17 Third: By adding a new fourth Whereas clause to read as follows:

18 Whereas, biomonitoring studies show that a wide range of chemicals is
19 bioaccumulating in the bodies of Vermonters, and

20 Fourth: By amending the fifth Whereas clause to read as follows:

1 Whereas, biomonitoring scientific studies demonstrate clear links
2 between toxic certain chemicals and adverse health effects, and

3 Fifth: By adding a tenth Whereas clause to read as follows:

4 Whereas, Vermonters and most other Americans continue to be exposed to
5 PFOA and other perfluorinated chemicals from other sources, including
6 through exposure from products containing the chemicals imported into the
7 United States, and

8 Sixth: By adding a new fifth Resolved clause to read as follows:

9 Resolved: That the EPA’s current authority to require notice of potential
10 new uses of perfluorinated chemicals and other chemicals of concern in
11 products should not be altered or weakened in any way, and be it further

12 Seventh: By amending the seventh Resolved clause to read:

13 Resolved: That the states should not be preempted from taking action on
14 a specific chemical until and only if the EPA has taken final action to regulate
15 that chemical and that the scope of preemption should not be broader than the
16 scope of the EPA’s action, and be it further

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