

April 8, 2026

The Honorable David Durfee, Chair  
The Honorable John Bartholomew, Vice-Chair  
The Honorable Richard Nelson, Ranking Member  
Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry  
Vermont House of Representatives  
Montpelier, VT

**Subject: Oppose H. 911, An Act relating to banning PFAS chemicals in pesticides & pesticide packaging/Would Ban Pet Care/Veterinary Health Products in Vermont**

Chair Durfee, Vice-Chair Bartholomew, Ranking Member Nelson, and Members of the Committee on Agriculture, Food Resiliency, and Forestry,

I write on behalf of the Animal Health Institute (AHI) - the U.S. trade association for research-based manufacturers of animal health products – the medicines that keep pets, livestock, and other animals healthy - to oppose H. 911 and respectfully ask for a “No” vote.

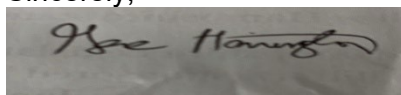
AHI members develop, manufacture, and distribute a range of animal health products, including pharmaceuticals, biologics, flea and tick preventatives, and medical devices, to veterinarians, pet owners, and food animal livestock owners. PFAS, when defined as a class of fluorinated organic chemicals containing at least one fully fluorinated carbon atom, can include the active ingredients in topical flea and tick products and collars.

Pet care/veterinary health products are used for prevention and treatment of external parasites (fleas, ticks, mites) that can seriously harm animal health and welfare. These parasites can also infect humans and cause disease, either directly, or by transferring diseases such as tick and flea borne ailments, especially in ‘at-risk’ populations such as the elderly, children, or the immunocompromised. The ability to have pets share our living spaces—without fear of disease-causing infestations—is the result of the wide availability of these parasiticides.

Before reaching the marketplace, all pet care/veterinary health pesticide products such as pet collars and flea and tick sprays have been approved and registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Vermont Agency on Agriculture, Food and Markets for their specific uses, having gone through rigorous safety testing and evaluation that considers the potential effects on the animal, humans, and the environment. In recognition of the importance of parasiticide products and modest use pattern, Maine exempted said products from its broad consumer products PFAS law as have Colorado, New Mexico, and New Jersey. Accordingly, and since H. 911 would unjustifiably deprive Vermont pet owners, farmers, and veterinarians from using invaluable pet care and animal health products, AHI respectfully asks for a “No” vote.

I appreciate your time and consideration of AHI’s concerns about H. 911 and encourage you to contact me at [gharrington@ahi.org](mailto:gharrington@ahi.org) or (202) 549-5934 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A rectangular area containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature appears to read "Gene Harrington".

Gene Harrington  
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