



## CITY OF MURRIETA

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, First Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Submitted via Email ([leg.unit@gov.ca.gov](mailto:leg.unit@gov.ca.gov))

**RE: SB 1044 (Allen) Firefighting Equipment and Foam: PFAS Chemicals  
Request for SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Murrieta urges your signature on SB 1044 (Allen), which would prohibit the use of firefighting foam with intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and would require notification of the presence of intentionally added PFAS in the protective equipment of firefighters.

SB 1044 is a common-sense bill, which will have positive environmental impacts without compromising public safety. Firefighting foam accounts for a significant amount of the total global production of PFAS, which can move through soil, seep into groundwater, or be carried through the air, and is linked to cancers and other health issues. SB 1044 will encourage the use of available PFAS-free firefighting foams, by curbing the manufacturing, sale, and use of class B firefighting foam that contains PFAS and imposing civil penalties on those that violate the requirements of this measure.

Of utmost concern, PFAS has contaminated public water systems that serve at least 7.5 million people in California. The City of Murrieta continues to support policies that ensure water quality, and protect it from contamination to safeguard public health. SB 1044 is a step in the right direction, working to reduce the presence of this toxic chemical within the environment.

For these reasons, the City of Murrieta urges your signature on SB 1044. If you have any questions, or need more information, about the City's position, please contact Louie Lacasella, City Manager's Office at (951) 461-6008 or [llacasella@MurrietaCA.Gov](mailto:llacasella@MurrietaCA.Gov).

Sincerely,

Gene Wunderlich  
Mayor



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