Dear Senator Carlyle,

I am writing to you today as President of and on behalf of Whidbey Island Water Systems Association (WIWSA). WIWSA represents almost 100 drinking water systems on Whidbey Island. I also serve on the Department of Ecology/Department of Health PFAS Chemical Action Plan Advisory Team as the WIWSA representative.

Our concern with this memorial is the paragraph that states:

> "WHEREAS, At this time, the legislature concludes that coordination among the affected parties, landowners, the state, local governments, and the federal government will lead to better solutions than imposing regulatory restrictions in the absence of sufficient data;"

Without regulatory cleanup standards there is no path to cleanup and no path to ultimately holding the polluters accountable. Our member water systems will be responsible indefinitely for removing PFAS contaminants before passing the water on to their customers. The cost for the treatment, testing, communication, and possibly legal costs associated with that will be borne by customers through no fault of their own. Many systems are already struggling to manage infrastructure sustainably and affordability without this additional burden.

WIWSA requests that S-0160.2 Senate Joint Memorial 8001 not be advanced out of committee. We request that the PFAS CAP process be allowed to run its course and to make recommendations for cleanup standards based on data with input from the advisory team and that those recommendations be brought before the legislature for consideration without prior prejudice. There is scope within this process and the associated statutory public comment periods for interested parties to make their concerns known.

Respectfully submitted, the officers and directors of Whidbey Island Water Systems Association:

John Lovie (Sun Vista/Sunlight Beach HOA), President
Joe Grogan (Utilities Superintendent, Town of Coupeville), Vice President
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