



**Industry Makes Statement on PFAS Class-Action Lawsuit
Iberville Parish Council
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Mr. Parish President, Mr. Council Chair and members, thank you for your time this evening.

My name is Desiree Lemoine and I am the Campaign Manager for *Industry Makes*, a 501 (c) 4, that advocates for future investment and economic growth of Louisiana's manufacturing sector.

I would like to provide some data for your consideration and to support my statement of opposition to Iberville Parish joining an overly broad class action lawsuit alleging potential health issues associated with PFAS chemistry.

Fluorinated chemicals, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, are a large and diverse universe of chemistries with different physical, chemical, and toxicological properties as well as uses. Depending on how you define PFAS, the scope comprises gases, liquids and solids, with very different properties. Given this, it is neither scientifically accurate nor appropriate to group them all together as one. PFAS chemistry is known for its tight chemical bonds that make products strong, durable, stable and resilient. These properties are critical to the reliable and safe function of a broad range of products that are important to our safety and sustainability, such as semiconductors, telecommunications;

autos, aerospace the defense applications that power the U.S. military; alternative energy sources; and lifesaving medical devices just to name a few.

Today's PFAS chemistries have been thoroughly reviewed by regulators prior to introduction into commerce, are subject to ongoing review, and are supported by a robust body of rigorous scientific health and safety data.

Industry Makes and its ambassadors support strong regulations that protect human health and the environment. However, the growing practice of class action lawsuits that may result in banning, restricting, or regulating entire classes of chemicals, without acknowledging individual properties and behaviors, is neither scientifically accurate nor safe.

Rather than using a litigious one-size-fits-all approach, *Industry Makes* supports a fact-based discussion about the nature of these substances, their different forms, how they differ from each other and any potential impacts on human health and the environment.

Industry Makes respectfully opposes Iberville Parish's involvement in a class-action lawsuit that will potentially undermine new innovations, new jobs, and new future economic growth for Iberville Parish.

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