



# SUPPORT

## A. 4739/S. 2000 (Fahy/Hoylman)

*AN ACT to amend the environmental conservation law, in relation to the use of perfluoralkyl and polyfluoroakyl chemicals in food packaging*

The New York League of Conservation Voters supports A. 4739/S. 2000 (Fahy/Hoylman), which would ban perfluoralkyl and polyfluoroakyl chemicals (PFAS chemicals) in food packaging.

PFAS chemicals are commonly used as anti-stick coatings. In food packaging, they are often used to keep grease and other liquids from leaking, for instance on the wrapping around a sandwich. However, we now know that PFAS chemicals are harmful to public health, linked to cancer and other adverse health impacts. Manufacturing that involved PFAS chemicals is responsible for contaminating the village of Hoosick Falls' water supply, while the use of PFAS chemicals in firefighting foam is responsible for contamination in Newburgh. PFAS chemicals in food packaging can contaminate the food they touch and subsequently enter the body, putting New Yorkers at risk.

A. 4739/S. 2000 would ban PFAS chemicals in food packaging, thereby protecting public health.

For these reasons, the New York League of Conservation Voters strongly urges passage of A. 4739/S. 2000.

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