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Subject: SB 121--please pass

Dear Co-Chairs Bishop and Stedman, and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Thank you for holding a hearing last week on SB 121, PFAS Use & Remediation; Fire/Water Safety. And we are also grateful that the bill is scheduled for a second hearing on April 20.

As you may have heard, the hearing last week on SB 121 received national coverage on National Native News: <u>https://www.nativenews.net/thursday-april-14-2022/</u>

Also, here is a new scientific publication that reviews the literature on the biological effects of PFAS exposure, with a specific focus on male reproduction, "owing to its utility as a sentinel marker of general health. Indeed, male infertility has increasingly been shown to serve as an early indicator of a range of co-morbidities such as coronary, inflammatory, and metabolic diseases. It follows that adverse associations have been established between PFAS exposure and the incidence of testicular dysfunction, including pathologies such as testicular cancer and a reduction in semen quality." https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35356147/

Please pass SB 121 to protect the drinking water and health of Alaskans. We appreciate your urgent attention to this important bill.

Respectfully, Pamela Miller Executive Director and Senior Scientist Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT) is a statewide research and advocacy organization focused on protecting our waters, lands, and community health.

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