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Assemblymember Grace Lee and Senator Brian Kavanagh Urge Passage of PFAS Bill (A8634/S3207) to Protect New Yorkers' Drinking Water

Assemblymember Grace Lee and Senator Brian Kavanagh, sponsors of <u>A8634/S3207</u>, issued the following statement in response to the <u>court motion filed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</u> on September 11, 2025, seeking to vacate standards for four PFAS chemicals—GenX (HFPO-DA), PFHxS, PFNA, and PFBS—and to delay compliance with limits for PFOA and PFOS until 2031. PFAS exposure is linked to serious health harms, including thyroid disease, kidney cancer, and preeclampsia; these chemicals persist in the environment and bioaccumulate in people.

Assemblymember Lee and Senator Kavanagh said: "New Yorkers should not have to wonder whether their tap water is safe. With the Trump administration moving to weaken and delay PFAS safeguards, New York must act urgently. Our bill A8634/S3207 sets strict, science-based limits that mirror the federal standards that the EPA is now looking to abandon and ensures the State Department of Health has the tools to keep 'forever chemicals' out of our water. We are committed to moving this legislation so families can trust what comes out of the tap."