



June 27, 2025

RE: SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 4632

Dear President Scutari,

The American Supply Association (ASA), the International Association of Plumbing and Mechanical Officials (IAPMO), NSF, and the Water Quality Association (WQA) would like to thank you for introducing Senate Bill 4632, *“Establishes grant program in DOE for public schools to install filtered drinking water stations and filtered faucets.”* This bill, if passed, will further New Jersey’s efforts to make the state’s schools safer for everyone.

We are especially pleased you have included language specific to the type of certifications that point-of-use (POU) filters must hold in order to be recognized by this law, NSF/ANSI 53 for lead removal and NSF/ANSI 42 for particulate removal.

Additionally, our associations recommend expanding the bill language to include language on “lead-free” fixtures with the inclusion of NSF/ANSI/CAN 61 for lead-free compliance and material safety and NSF/ANSI 58 for Reverse Osmosis (RO) systems. Inclusion of these additional standards will allow schools to have further options to remediate lead and other health-based contaminants.

Requiring third-party certification of drinking water treatment devices, fixtures, and components is particularly important as not all products serve the same purpose; some remove only aesthetic impurities while others are certified to reduce the presence of harmful contaminants. Having an independent third-party certification mark on a product communicates compliance with voluntary and consensus performance standards, improves consumer confidence, and helps eliminate concerns about the purchase and installation of non-complying products.

There are currently no federal regulations establishing minimum requirements for the safety and performance of water filtration systems. However, there are voluntary consensus standards that are continually being updated to address emerging threats. Product requirements related to water treatment technologies or drinking water system components placed into legislation, referencing the appropriate NSF/ANSI standard(s) and third-party certification requirements, is vital in verifying these products work as intended. Although there is no “safe” level of lead, water filtration systems certified to NSF/ANSI standards for lead reduction have been verified to reduce lead to 5 ppb or less. Currently, certifying bodies test and certify water filtration systems to reduce lead to 5 ppb as prescribed under NSF/ANSI 53 and/or NSF/ANSI 58 for RO systems. It is important to note the feasibility of these systems when looking to achieve a desired reduction level for lead.



We strongly support Senate Bill 4632 and appreciate the opportunity to collaborate on this vital water quality legislation. We are available to work with you and others to answer questions surrounding water treatment.

Sincerely yours,

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Jim Scarborough, Senior Director of Government Relations, IAPMO
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About ASA

The American Supply Association is the national industry trade association representing distributors and their manufacturers and manufacturer representative agencies serving the PHCP & PVF channel. Serving wholesaler-distributors and their supply chain partners in the plumbing-heating-cooling-piping (PHCP) and industrial pipe-valve-fitting (PVF) industry, ASA is a one-stop-shop for legislative and regulatory advocacy, ongoing business intelligence, employee training and education and peer-to-peer networking.

About IAPMO

IAPMO was founded in 1926 by government officials in the US to protect public health and safety by developing the most progressive and technically advanced plumbing, mechanical and water efficiency codes in the world. A large part of IAPMO's work focuses on product testing for the industry. Our research and testing labs are capable of testing products to more than 400 standards and we provide testing to new plumbing products that enter the market every year. These include such devices as shower heads, faucets, and water filters. Our rigorous process includes following the criteria of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) and the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

About NSF International

NSF is an independent, not-for-profit organization founded in 1944 in Ann Arbor, MI that develops consensus national standards, provides product inspection, testing and certification, auditing, education, and related services in public health and safety. The core purpose of NSF is to "protect and improve human and environmental health." NSF has a long history of working with the EPA, FDA, USDA, CDC, and health related governmental entities at the state and local levels, as well as international bodies. NSF is a Collaborating Centre of the World Health Organization for Food Safety, Water Quality, and Medical Device Safety. NSF/ANSI 53 and NSF/ANSI 58, American National Standards developed by NSF, allow for the certification of some point of use and point of entry drinking water treatment units to reduce the levels of specified contaminants in drinking water including lead.



About WQA

WQA is a not-for-profit trade association representing the residential, commercial, and industrial water treatment industry with over 2,500 members worldwide. Since its creation in 1974, WQA has worked tirelessly to improve water quality through sustainable technologies and services. Our members are manufacturers, dealers, and distributors who specialize in point-of-use (POU) and point-of-entry (POE) water treatment systems, which treat water at the tap or entry point of a home or building. WQA operates an American National Standards Institute National Accreditation Board (ANAB) accredited testing and certification program that evaluates and certifies products to nationally accepted industry standards for contaminant removal. The association also provides a Professional Certification Program with a rigorous continued education component that qualifies a level of knowledge to enhance the application of the certified products.