

FCM in USA:

## What's Changed in the Last 10 Years?

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Food Packaging Forum

# Why We Care:

1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime.

**Prevention Matters.**



**There is a definitive body of evidence linking breast cancer to chemicals in our every day lives.**

Estimated new cases,  
2022

**290,560**

+ Male  
**2,710**

Estimated deaths, 2022

**43,780**

+ Male  
**530**

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# The Federal Arena







**DELAY**

**U.S. Department of Health  
Food and Drug Administration**



# U.S. Congress: 2021-22 Bills

- Baby Food Safety HR.2229 /S.1019
- Protect Our Food from Phthalates S.2669
- Keep Food Safe from PFAS HR.6026 / S.3169
- Toxic Free Food (GRAS Reform) HR.3699
- Food Chem Reassessment HR.4694
- Safe & Toxic Free Foods S.4316
- Food Safety Admin (Restructure) HR.8358

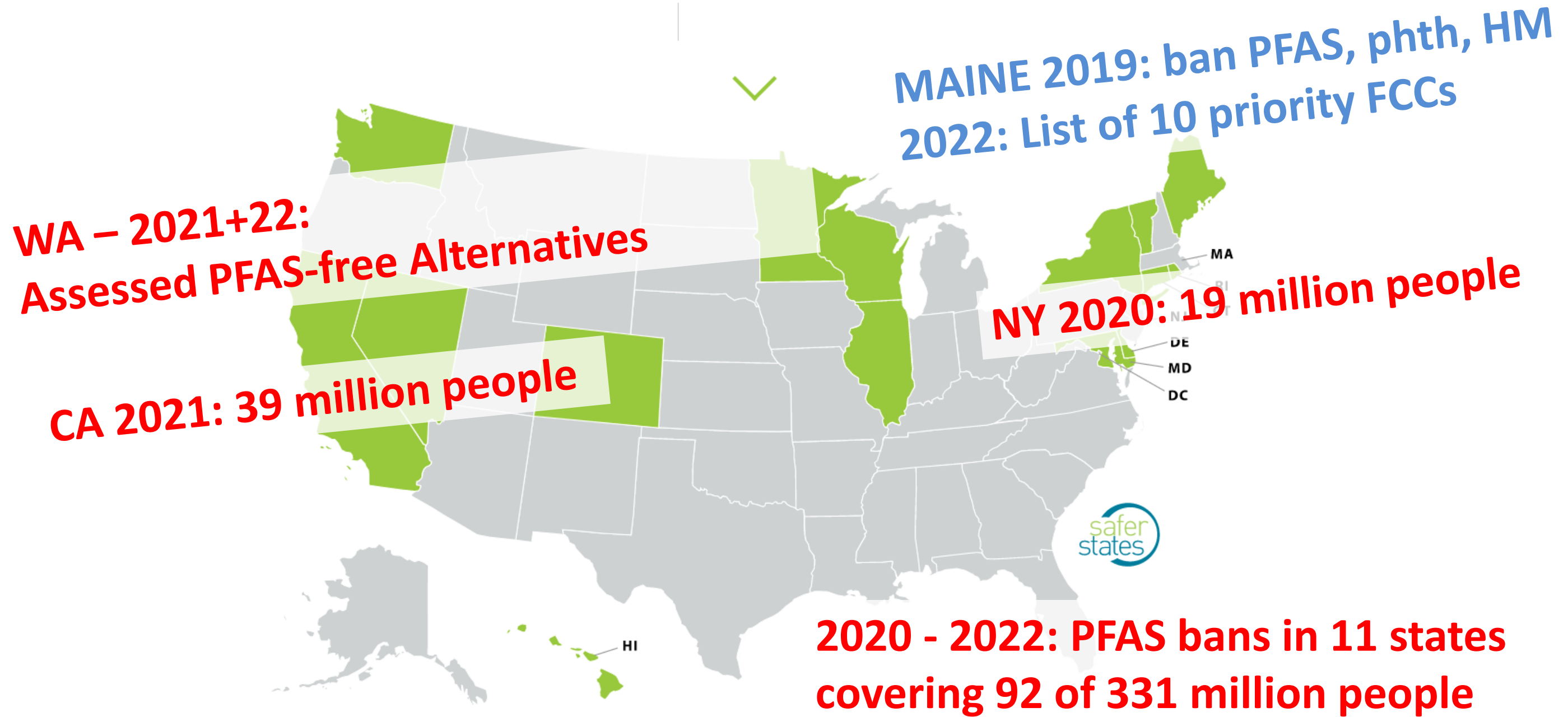


**GAO Report  
due Nov 2022**

# State Laws



# Bans of PFAS in Food Packaging



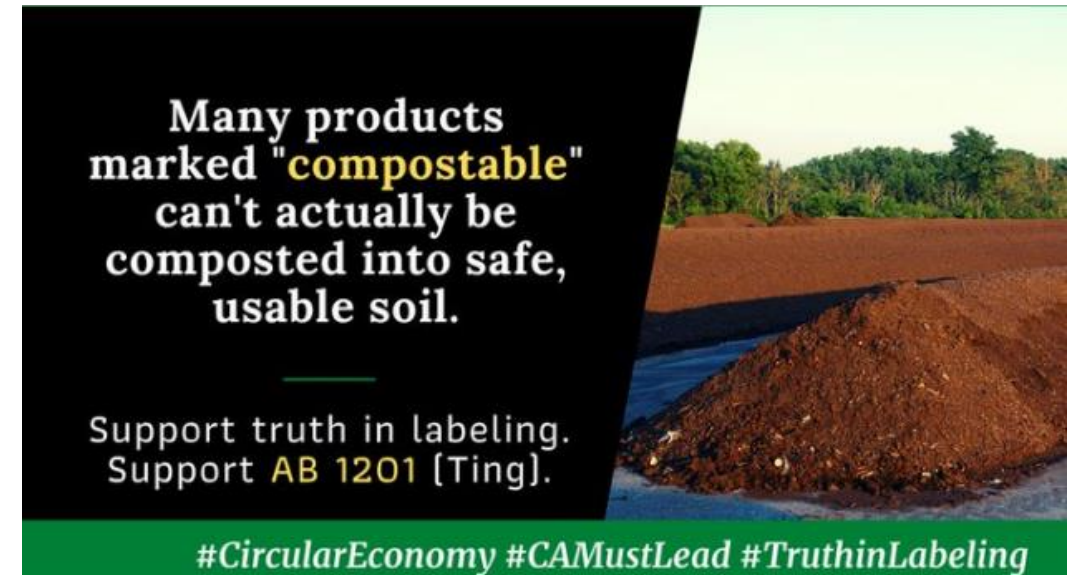


# California PFAS examples: Paper, Cookware, Compostable Packaging

- PFAS ban in paper FC; disclosure of toxics in cookware



- No PFAS in Compostable packaging



# California Examples 2018-2022

## Plastics & Recycling:

- Plastics Reduction/ Packaging Act
- Beverage minimum recycled content
- Recyclable/compostable food packaging at state facilities



# Public Debate & Perception





# News Coverage Increasing

**The Washington Post**  
*Democracy Dies in Darkness*

## Some fast-food items contain plastics linked to serious health problems, new report shows

Chemicals that research has shown to be linked to reproductive harm and learning problems in children were found in popular menu items



## Op-Ed: FDA fails to protect the public from chemical health risks

The agency needs to take advantage of the opportunity to modernize its scientific approach to evaluating the safety of food and cosmetics chemicals.

by Linda S. Birnbaum April 21, 2022



## Eat This, Not That!

HEALTHY EATING

## The FDA Refuses to Ban These Toxic Chemicals In Food Packaging, Experts Say

Scientists say there is sufficient evidence that phthalates can cause serious harm to human health.



By LaRue V. Gillespie / Published on June 1, 2022 | 1:58 PM

# Consumer concerns continue

## IFIC Annual Survey 2022:

- 48% - chemicals = top food safety concern
- 22% - bacteria / food borne illness
- Includes:
  - Chemicals 15%
  - Pesticides 13%
  - Food additives / ingredients 11%
  - Heavy metals 9%

BPA  
Phthalates  
Colorants  
Additives & Preservatives  
Perfluoroalkyl  
PFAS  
Bisphenols  
Triclosan  
Parabens  
EDCs  
Pesticides



# Collective Action for Change





# Change through Collective Action



15K letters  
to FDA &  
Congress

# Parting Thoughts / Questions?







# Thank You!

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