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STATE REPRESENTATIVE
DISTRICT 30



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 10, 2021

RE: Support of HB 2955

Chair Marsh, Vice Chairs Helm and Smith and Members of the House Committee on Energy and Environment,

I write to you in support of HB 2955, which creates a statewide product stewardship program for household hazardous waste.

As a longtime Metro Master Recycler, I support HB 2955 because it provides a statewide avenue to dispose of hazardous waste that otherwise can have a negative impact on our environment. I appreciate that for me locally, Metro offers community-wide events that help me, and others, safely dispose of our hazardous household waste. These events often have long lines of people and cars indicating the need and desire that Oregonians want to safely dispose of their household hazardous waste. I also understand that there are greater areas in Oregon that do not offer such events. Oregon has been a leader in adopting stewardship programs in the past, and we should continue this trend for all Oregonians across the state.

Producers need to take greater ownership of the harms they cause to our environment and the cost to our own communities to clean up their waste. HB 2955 is a move in the right direction. This bill will ensure that we have the means necessary to dispose of materials that are hazardous to our families, our community soils and waterways, and will play a direct role in preserving and protecting our environment for the future. As a Metro Master Recycler and State Representative that is passionate about promoting sustainable environmental practices, I urge your support of this policy and I look forward to its passage.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janeen Sollman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Janeen Sollman