



January 30, 2023

Senator Janeen Sollman
Chair, Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: SB 405 Mirofiber Solutions (Support)

Chair Sollman and Honorable Members of the Senate

On behalf of our entire Oregon chapter network, our greater membership and our thousands of Oregon supporters and volunteers, the Surfrider Foundation would like to express our strong support for SB 405, a bill to reduce the amount of plastic microfibers in our environment, waterways and world's ocean. Microfibers from our clothing and washing machines is a major source of plastic pollution that has been found in every major waterway in Oregon, in our shellfish and important ocean fisheries and even in our drinking water. These microfibers are highly preventable and as our plastic pollution crisis grows, it's critical that we take swift actions at the source where simple opportunities and technologies allow. SB 405 is one simple solution that can save our oceans and wildlife from irreparable harm and prevent plastic pollution at it's source.

Surfrider Foundation is a grassroots, non-profit environmental organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our worlds ocean, waves and beaches. Our Oregon chapter network comprises thousands of supporters and volunteers throughout the state organized among our 5 distinct coastal chapters in Oregon. Our plastic pollution initiative includes extensive ongoing coastal beach cleanups, local policy advocacy, partnerships with researchers and business forward programs to reduce plastic waste such as our Ocean Friendly Restaurant Program. We are excited for the opportunity to support a new solution for prevention of microfiber pollution through SB 405.

Sincerely,

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

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