

I am writing in support of SB 405, Senator Patterson's bill to require microfiber filters in new washing machines. As a resident of Newport, OR and a concerned citizen who is a member of the Surfrider Newport Chapter I ask that this bill be passed.

We know from the EPA that microfibers are present in our oceans and waterways, one avenue they arrive there is from washing synthetic clothing. Microfibers harm aquatic organisms when they are ingested. Yet the food chain takes this poisoning of the tiny critters and takes it up to all organisms that rely on aquatic life for food: humans, whales, shellfish, sharks, fish of all sizes. It seems like an easy start to add filters to our washing machines to at least begin to address the outflow of these fibers to our waters.

Thanks you for the opportunity to address this issue and I hope SB405 will pass.
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