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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: Senate Bill 546

Dear Chair Senator Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, and members of the Committee;

A this point I am opposed to SB 546 for the simple reason that this issue is already addressed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Additionally, a quick internet search shows the first ten sites to deal with the issue of toxic or otherwise harmful ingredients found in cosmetic products.

Is this legislation actually necessary, or is it simply to mollify a small cadre of Oregon constituents?

Yes, this is the "long" session however I think the legislators time could be taken up with more beneficial and important issues. I also believe, from my experience with those who use such products, that the fact that some cosmetics use ingredients that may be harmful is a well known fact.

Far from improving life, all I foresee this bill bringing Oregonians is nourishing the continuous growth of bureaucracy. In fact, while drafting this letter this morning I couldn't help but wonder why this was sent to your particular committee. But then the environment we are currently living in, and through, now covers nearly every aspect of our lives, so I suppose I ought not be so surprised.

If this bill was truly about protecting Oregonians from "chemicals of concern", alcohol would be on the list. But we all know how well that balloon would fly, eh.

Sincerely,

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