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Co-Chairs Helm and Owen, Vice-Chair McDonald, and Members of the Committee, I am Dr. Theodora Tsongas, an environmental health scientist with a career in epidemiology and public health. During my career I have conducted studies to assess community exposures to toxic chemicals in the environment by determining the distribution of those toxins in soil, water, or air and how they might expose people nearby. This is a necessary first step in determining how to control, reduce, and eliminate exposures to toxic chemicals. I urge you to support HB 2947 as a necessary step for Oregon to address the problem of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in biosolids and soils in Oregon, to determine where these forever chemicals may be and how they got there, so that we can prevent further contamination of our environment with PFAS, and prevent the adverse effects on our health and that of our supporting ecosystems that we now know can result from exposure to these toxic substances. Thank you for your work and your time and attention. Please support HB 2947.