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Protecting children's health: Children are more vulnerable to toxic exposure due to their developing bodies and behaviors like crawling. Oregon should continue protecting kids from harmful chemicals by building on laws like the Toxic Free Kids Act.

Preventing firefighter illness: Firefighters face a significantly higher risk of cancer, partly due to toxic exposure from fire-suppressing foam. We must ensure their safety by eliminating harmful PFAS in firefighting materials.

Reducing contamination: Stopping PFAS at the source prevents them from polluting our soil and water, protecting crops, pollinators, livestock, and fish. Keeping these chemicals out of our environment safeguards the health of Oregon's ecosystems and communities.

Ensuring clean drinking water: Preventing contamination keeps drinking water safe and protects public health. Oregon ratepayers shouldn't have to bear the cost of treating water polluted by corporate negligence.

Preventing toxic product dumping: As other states ban PFAS-laden products, Oregon must ensure it doesn't become a dumping ground for unsellable toxic goods. Strong regulations will protect our residents from hazardous waste and corporate exploitation.