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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and
Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3512

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Darell Lindstrom, and I am a firefighter in Baker City, Oregon. I am writing in strong support of HB 3512 to phase out toxic PFAS chemicals from consumer products and firefighting foam. As a firefighter, I have dedicated my career to protecting my community, but I should not have to risk my long-term health—and the health of my colleagues—because of exposure to dangerous chemicals in the tools we use daily.

Firefighters already face higher risks of cancer, yet we continue to be exposed to PFAS through firefighting foam and protective gear. These chemicals don't just harm us—they contaminate our water, soil, and environment, affecting the health of families and future generations. Many states have already banned PFAS-containing firefighting foam in favor of safer alternatives. Oregon must do the same to protect those of us who put our lives on the line every day.

We need action now to eliminate PFAS from firefighting foam and consumer products. Our health and safety should not be compromised when there are better, safer options available. I urge you to support HB 3512 and help protect Oregon's firefighters, families, and environment from these harmful chemicals.

Sincerely,
Darell Lindstrom
Baker City, Oregon