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On Behalf Of:

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I join Beyond Toxics in support of HB 3512 which would phase out added PFAS in specific products to reduce harmful exposures, protect human health, and align Oregon with other states addressing these persistent and toxic chemicals. Please consider the following in your deliberations. Thank you for your support!

Protect children's health. Children are at a higher risk for toxic exposure because of their physiology, ongoing development, and behaviors such as crawling. We should continue to protect Oregon's children from toxic chemicals and build on efforts like the Toxic Free Kids Act and the Toxic Free Cosmetic Act.

Prevent firefighter illness. Firefighters have a 9% higher risk of being diagnosed with cancer and a 14% higher risk of dying from cancer than the general U.S. population. Fire suppressing foam shouldn't poison the firefighters using this material.

Reduce contamination. When we stop PFAS at the source, we prevent these chemicals from getting into our soil and water where they can impact the crops, pollinators, livestock and fish on which we depend.

Ensure clean drinking water. Keeping contaminants out of our water means healthy Oregonians. Ratepayers shouldn't be stuck with the bill for ongoing water treatment costs.

Prevent toxic product dumping. As other states phase out harmful PFAS-laden products, Oregon shouldn't become a dumping ground for companies who can't sell these products elsewhere.