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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 Inga Fisher Williams and I live in Portland]. I am writing in support of HB 3512 to get toxic chemicals out of consumer products and out of the firefighting foam that's not only harming firefighters but distributes PFAS as it is absorbed into soil.

I support HB 3512 because the presence of PFAS in our city makes its toxic impact a local issue for me. Several years ago I saw an article online describing PFAS contamination in North Portland, in the general area where Portland wells are located that supplement our city's drinking water during high demand periods. We pride ourselves in Bull Run's quality water but the existing contamination with PFAS is ignored even though it is shown on obscure EPA maps of the Portland area West of the Columbia river and East of the airport. For me this was a shocking discovery. It documents public exposure and health risks when water from those wells enters the city of Portland water distribution system.

We know that there are health issues that can be caused by PFAS including: cancer, fertility issues, high cholesterol, and high blood pressure during pregnancy. For children, low birth weight, and issues with behavior and development. We also know that PFAS is disseminated by firefighting foam and those wells are in the vicinity of the Portland airport.

I care about safe drinking water for people, as well as the potential impact of PFAS contamination on pollinators, fish and wildlife. This legislation is urgent, timely and necessary.

Thank you in advance for your support of HB 3512.

Sincerely,
Inga Fisher Williams
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