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Please pass this legislation to ban sale of products that contain intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.

PFAS, or “forever chemicals,” are dangerous, persistent toxins that build up in our bodies and contaminate our water, food, and environment. Linked to cancer, immune disorders, and other serious health risks, these chemicals have no place in the products we use every day.

Kids are especially vulnerable to toxic exposure. HB 3512 builds on Oregon’s Toxic-Free Kids Act to keep harmful chemicals away from our families. Firefighters face higher cancer risks due to PFAS exposure. We must eliminate these toxins from firefighting gear and foam, especially as the threat of wildfire increases with the climate crisis.

As other states ban PFAS-laden goods, we must ensure Oregon doesn’t become a dumping ground for hazardous waste.

Thank you for your consideration.