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Phasing out PFAS is long overdue.

We need to protect children's health, as 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. We also need to prevent firefighter illness, as 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. We need to keep our water clean, as PFAS contamination threatens drinking water, crops, livestock, and fisheries. We can stop pollution at the source. Finally, we need to stop toxic product dumping. As other states ban PFAS-laden goods, we must ensure Oregon doesn't become a dumping ground for hazardous waste.

Thank you.