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TO: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment
FROM: Ali King, Our Children Oregon
SUBJECT: Support for HB 3512

Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ali King and I am the Policy and Advocacy Director for Our Children Oregon (OCO), a statewide organization that champions equitable policies and opportunities for every child by leveraging data and research. The Children's Agenda, convened annually by OCO, brings together more than 135 organizations statewide to create a holistic legislative agenda dedicated to improving the wellbeing of Oregon's children, youth, and families.

As a coalition of child and family advocates, health care workers, educators, administrators, parents, and policy experts, we are deeply concerned about the health of children and families in Oregon. PFAS are toxic "forever" chemicals that cause cancers, lower birth weight, liver damage, thyroid disease, high cholesterol, fertility issues, as well as various issues with behavior and development in children. We are alarmed by the fact that PFAS are in the blood of 97% of Americans.

We appreciate the work you do for Oregonians and we urge you to follow the lead of the majority of states in this country that have banned these chemicals and switched to PFAS-free alternatives. Please support HB 3512 to protect Oregonians from these harmful chemicals.

Sincerely,



Ali King

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