



March 13, 2025

House Climate, Energy, and Environment Committee
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE
Salem Oregon 97301

Re: Support for HB 3512 - PFAS Ban Bill

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs Gamba and Levy, and Members of the committee:

On behalf of Recology, I am writing in support of HB 3512, which would ban the intentional addition of perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in a variety of products.

As the largest 100% employee-owned company in the resource recovery industry, Recology provides waste collection, recycling, composting, and disposal services to urban, suburban, and rural communities throughout Oregon. Recology supports measures that reduce waste, promote circularity, and reduce environmental hazards.

PFAS is a group of chemical compounds used in a variety of common place products such as cookware, textiles, food packaging, electronics, cosmetics, and medical devices. It is mainly utilized for its capability of resisting heat, grease, and water, but the properties that contribute to its usefulness also contribute to its persistence in the environment. Because of this, PFAS has now been found in humans, traveling through drinking water, food and food packaging, and the air.

Exposure to PFAS has been linked with adverse health outcomes, including impacts on fertility, developmental effects or delays in children, increase risk of cancers, immune system deficiencies, hormonal balance, and obesity. Efforts are ongoing to help reduce the prevalence of PFAS in the environment, including regulating “passive receivers” of products containing PFAS, such as landfills and compost facilities.

HB 3512 will help reduce the spread of PFAS and its subsequent health and environmental risks by “turning off the tap” and prohibiting a variety of products from containing intentionally added PFAS. Reducing the use of PFAS at the source is the most effective way to minimize exposure and reduce impacts of these chemicals to our land, air, and water.

For these reasons, we are proud to support HB 3512. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Garen Kazanjian'.

Garen Kazanjian
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Recology Inc.