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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and

Environment

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Topic:

HB3512

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Cheryl Morgen and I live in Bend. I am writing in support of HB 3512 to get toxic chemicals out of consumer products and out of firefighting foam.

As a Ph.D. chemist I have been following reporting on per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) for years in Chemical and Engineering News. We are very lucky in Oregon to have no detected PFAS in drinking water supplies according to the Dept. of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Health Authority. Let's ensure this continues by eliminating PFAS chemicals in firefighting foam and in consumer products.

For further information on the costs and cleanup of PFAS in drinking water see "Getting PFAS Out of Drinking Water" by Britt E. Erickson, Chemical and Engineering News, Vol 1, Issue 20, July 1, 2024. Available online: https://cen.acs.org/environment/persistent-pollutants/Getting-PFAS-drinking-water/102/i20

Thank you in advance for your support of HB 3512.

Sincerely, Cheryl Morgen Bend, Oregon