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House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
900 Court Street NE
Salem, OR 97301

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

On behalf of the City of Portland, I am writing to express our strong support for House Bill 3512, prohibiting the distribution or sale of certain covered products that contain intentionally added perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

As the public utility provider of clean drinking water and wastewater and stormwater management services, we are committed to improving water quality in Portland and stewarding our natural resources responsibly. There is growing scientific consensus that exposure to PFAS-containing substances in these everyday products may lead to a range of human health problems. Continued use of these products may result in the release of PFAS into our wastewater streams, groundwater, and waterways.

PFAS does not degrade in the environment, and wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat complex chemicals like PFAS. This presents a significant challenge for public utilities, whose services are impacted by PFAS pollution from industries, businesses, and households. The best way to address the problems posed by PFAS is to remove the sources through product substitution and phasing out the use of products containing PFAS, which HB 3512 does for numerous products where adequate substitutions already exist.

The City of Portland is very supportive of this initiative to prohibit the continued sale of PFAS-containing products and urges you to support House Bill 3512.

Thank you,

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