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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3512

Testimony in Support of HB 3512 – Protecting Oregon’s Future from PFAS

Chair and Members of the Committee,

As an Oregonian, a parent, an educator, and a community advocate, I strongly urge you to support HB 3512. This bill takes a critical step toward protecting our families, our water, and our communities from the toxic legacy of PFAS—so-called “forever chemicals” that are anything but harmless.

PFAS are linked to cancer, reproductive harm, and immune system disruption. They persist in our environment, accumulate in our bodies, and contaminate our drinking water. Yet, they are still found in everyday products, from cookware to cosmetics to children’s items. Why should we allow toxic chemicals in the products we use on our skin, in our homes, and around our kids?

Oregon has always been a leader in public health and environmental protection. By passing HB 3512, we will align with other states taking bold action against corporate negligence and ensure a healthier future for all Oregonians. Industry profits cannot come before public safety. This bill is common sense, long overdue, and essential.

I urge you to stand with Oregon families and pass HB 3512 without delay.

Thank you.