

## Letter of Support for Chemical Recycling Ban (HB 2960)

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 2960, which seeks to ban chemical recycling in Oregon. It is imperative that we prioritize sustainable and environmentally-friendly solutions in our efforts to manage waste effectively.

Chemical recycling, despite its purported benefits, poses significant risks to both the environment and public health. The process often involves the use of hazardous chemicals and generates toxic byproducts that can contaminate our air, water, and soil. These adverse effects undermine Oregon's commitment to maintaining a healthy ecosystem and protecting the well-being of its residents.

Moreover, chemical recycling is not a viable long-term solution for addressing plastic waste. It diverts attention and resources away from more sustainable practices such as reducing, reusing, and mechanical recycling. By banning chemical recycling, we encourage innovation and investment in cleaner technologies that not only mitigate waste but also promote a circular economy.

House Bill 2960 is a crucial step toward safeguarding our environment and ensuring a sustainable future for Oregon. I urge you to support this bill and take a stand against harmful waste management practices.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,

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