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Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony. I am Chelsea Brooks. I live in Hillsboro, am a small business owner, Mother of 3 and currently serving as Vice Chair of The Surfrider Foundation - Portland Chapter. All of my work at home, in business, and for the non-profit community has been to advocate for a better environment and more protection for the future. I'm continuing to learn more about how state funding supports my values and appreciate the chance to be more involved.

I am aware of the corrupt business practices of Agilyx, formerly located near me. They claimed to recycle Styrofoam and in fact, were found to be selling it for chemical recycling. The lies of the plastic industry needs to uncovered - most people think they are recycling plastic into re-use when it is mostly being burnt into the atmosphere causing more harm than good. This has pushed me to adopt better practices when purchasing grocery items to eliminate dependency on plastic where it's better for the environment to throw the packaging away rather than "recycle" and off-gas pollutants again into our atmosphere.

We have a unique opportunity to maintain freedom from chemical recycling companies now that Agilyx is gone and keep Oregon cleaner than other state by banning any other companies from trying to pollute our environment and emitting loopholes for petrochemical "recycling".

Please prioritize clean air in Oregon during this legislative session by voting "Yes" on the Chemical Recycling Ban.

Thank you for your time and consideration.