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Dear Chair Edwards and members of the committee,

AFSCME Council 75 urges your support of Senate Bill 478. AFSCME represents about 24,000 workers state wide, including licensed in-home child care, health care professionals, public health workers and environmental specialists. Our members in these fields believe this bill is a good step in keeping toxins out of our environment and learning what chemicals are in the products that are made for our children.

Creating a list of "high priority chemicals of concern for children's health" and requiring manufacturers to notify public health officials of products containing those chemicals is a great way to help track what children are exposed to through the products they use. This will allow for parents and providers of services to children to make informed decisions in purchasing products. Passing this bill will also create a path to collect data on products that contain potentially harmful products that are children use. These are all good steps in protecting some of our most vulnerable Oregonians.

Keeping our children safe from exposure to toxins in products that are made to enhance their learning or provide fun in their lives should be a top priority for all of us. AFSCME Council 75 hopes that you join us in supporting us in these efforts by passing SB 478.

We welcome any continued discussion on this.

Best,

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