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RE: Support for HB 2772

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on HB 2772 which has its first public hearing today. As an organization that strives to protect human health and the environment, Oregon PSR supports this Household Hazardous Waste legislation. This bill has been in front of the legislature for several sessions, and it's high time that it is passed.

As underscored in previous sessions, this is important protective legislation because 1) storing hazardous products at home puts health at risk 2) we risk paying a high economic and health cost for improper disposal 3) stewardship is a proven strategy and 4) by holding manufacturers accountable for hazardous materials, we can spur additional innovation to create safer materials.

Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, on behalf of our members throughout the state, urges support for HB 2772.

Thank you for consideration of our testimony,

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