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**Testimony to the House Committee on Energy and the Environment
on House Bill 2772**

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Founded in 1968, the Oregon Environmental Council (OEC) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, membership-based organization. We advance innovative, collaborative and equitable solutions to Oregon's environmental challenges for today and future generations.

To the members of the Oregon House Committee on Energy and the Environment,

I am writing to urge your support for HB 2772 to create and fund a Household Hazardous Waste program for all of Oregon.

HB 2772 is a practical, flexible way to solve a significant problem for Oregon: it keeps household hazards from turning into harmful incidents. Today, our state's successful household hazardous waste collection programs are not as frequent or as accessible as they need to be in order to prevent spills, accidents, or improper disposal.

Oregon's households and communities would benefit from:

- manufacturers sharing the responsibility for managing and disposing of hazardous products
- a statewide product stewardship program with a steady source of funding

Hazardous waste collection events and facilities are listed on the web site at Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality. It is clear that many Oregonians, in order to properly dispose of hazardous products, have to travel many miles and wait for infrequent events in order to do so. I have included a map of the times and locations of these collection events.

After several sessions of refining and improving this good idea, it's time to bring it to a vote. For the sake of Oregon's health and environment, please support the passage of HB 2772 in 2019.

Thank you,
Raphaela Hsu-Flanders