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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

**RE: Support for SB 546: Toxic Free Cosmetics**

Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley, Members of the Committee,

Metro supports SB 546.

Metro is the regional government of the Portland metropolitan area, with major responsibility for managing the region's solid waste, providing opportunities for recycling and waste reduction and reducing the health and environmental impacts of materials and products purchased, used, recycled and disposed. We serve a population of almost 1.7 million, providing services and educational resources that protect the environment and reduce the amount and toxicity of the solid waste stream.

Exposure to chemicals of concern in cosmetics disproportionately impacts communities of color, people with low incomes, pregnant women and children. This is due to a variety of causes including cumulative impacts from other chemical- and social stressors, disproportionate exposures and stage of development of internal body systems. All users of cosmetic products are exposed to hazardous chemicals contained in these products, as are workers during their production.

Metro supports the approach of SB 546 which has precedent in Oregon's Toxic Free Kids Act as well as related legislation in California, Colorado, Maryland, New York and Wisconsin. The bill also uses best practices by requiring producers to pay for their own data collection, disclose the presence of chemicals of concern – including classes of chemicals - and ultimately banning the most hazardous chemicals or classes of chemicals.

We urge your support on SB 546.

Sincerely,

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