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**Oregon Legislature Testimony
Senate Energy and Environment Committee**

Hi Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Findley and members of the committee – thank you for having me. For the record, I am Christina Ross, the Sr. Scientist at Credo Beauty, a clean beauty retailer with 12 stores and online at credobeauty.com. We sell over 120 different brands, all of which meet our industry-leading policy called The Credo Clean Standard™ which starts with a robust Restricted Substances List, and includes parameters on product quality, testing for chemical contamination and heavy metals, and backing up all ingredient and product claims.

Credo prohibits formaldehyde, which is not listed on a personal care product as an ingredient outright, but can be found when formaldehyde releasers or donors are used in the product's formulation. Some of these ingredients are DMDM hydantoin and diazolidinyl urea, and quaternium-15. They work as preservatives by slowly releasing formaldehyde over time to inhibit microbial growth.

This is considered as undeclared formaldehyde, as the products can have detectable levels of formaldehyde.

Instead of formaldehyde releasers, Credo's brand partners instead opt for alternative effective preservatives and preservatives systems - and available at a midpoint price range (starting at \$5.50) We have shown it is entirely possible to create beautiful and effective personal care products that are safer for human health and the environment. Therefore, we support SB 546.

Respectfully submitted,

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