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On Behalf Of:

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Testimony in Support of Microfiber Laundry Bill (SB 526)

I am writing to express my strong support for the Microfiber Laundry Bill (SB 526). This forward-thinking legislation is crucial for addressing the pervasive issue of microfiber pollution, which poses a significant threat to both our environmental and public health.

Microfibers, tiny synthetic fibers shed from our clothing during washing, have become a ubiquitous pollutant in our water systems. These fibers are not only persistent in the environment but are also small enough to bypass many filtration systems, ultimately ending up in our rivers, lakes, and oceans. Once in the water, they can be ingested by marine life, entering the food chain and posing risks to both wildlife and human health.

The Microfiber Laundry Bill (SB 526) is a much-needed measure to mitigate this problem at its source. By requiring washing machine manufacturers to install microfiber filters in new machines, we can significantly reduce the number of microfibers released into our water systems. This proactive step will help protect aquatic ecosystems, reduce the burden on wastewater treatment facilities, and preserve the quality of our drinking water.

SB 526 is not just an environmental imperative; it is also an opportunity for innovation and leadership in sustainable practices. By passing this bill, we can set a precedent for other states and countries to follow, showcasing our commitment to protecting the planet for future generations.

In conclusion, I urge lawmakers to support SB 526. This bill represents a vital step towards reducing microfiber pollution and safeguarding our natural resources. Together, we can make a meaningful impact on the health of our environment and communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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