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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB551

Dear Chair Sollman, Vice-Chair Brock Smith, and members Golden, Pham, and Robinson,

I support SB 551, a common sense plastics reduction bill that will reduce health harms from toxic chemicals, decrease recreational area and ecosystem degradation, ease landfill issues, and even save small business owners money on unneeded products.

I applaud Chair Sollman's work on this bill, and especially her comments about Reduce being the primary element in the sustainability maxim "reduce, reuse, recycle."

Similar to the very visible problem of plastics, the Reduce priority is also important in the less visible realm of energy. Please re-use the common sense lens through which Chair Sollman has framed SB 551 in your decisions regarding Hydrogen and other novel fuels:

- Learn where the hydrogen (or other fuel) is most needed and has no more efficient substitute.
- Make laws that discourage or eliminate wasteful uses.

Your constituents and Oregon's future generations will thank you.

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