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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3512

Dear Chair Lively, Vice-Chair Gamba, and Members of the Committee,  
My name is Jenny Pompilio. I am a physician, mother and public health advocate living in Portland. I am writing in support of HB 3512 to get toxic chemicals out of consumer products and out of the firefighting foam. I support HB 3512 because PFAS are toxic "forever chemicals" that can take thousands of years to break down and build up over time – in our soil, water, and bodies. Alarmingly, PFAS are in the blood of 97% of Americans. These dangerous chemicals stay in our environment for generations and harm our health—causing cancers, lower birth weight, liver damage, thyroid disease, high cholesterol, fertility issues, and developmental issues in children. A majority of states have banned firefighting foam containing PFAS, and instead use a PFAS-free alternative. Oregon needs to do the same! Firefighters have 9% higher rates of cancer than the average American. Fire suppressing foam should not poison our firefighters and environment.

Thank you in advance for your support of HB 3512.

Sincerely,

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