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Major source of exposures for both people and orcas is through toxic chemicals intentionally put in consumer products, including PFAS, flame retardants, PCBs, phenolic compounds, like BPA, and phthalates. It's good that Pollution Prevention for our Future Act pass the legislature last year. I'm excited for opportunity to comment on draft priority product list.

Draft priority product list identifies many consumer products that expose humans and orcas to five toxic chemicals. Thank you for considering impacts of these consumer products to both Southern Resident orcas and disproportionately impacted communities. I support inclusion of all consumer products on the draft list.

However, I encourage Ecology to consider more comprehensive list of consumer products with toxic chemicals, not just the selected few. I believe the proposed list does not represent enough major sources for toxic exposure. If only currently proposed products are considered, toxic exposures will still cause significant harm to our communities and environment.

Southern Resident orcas are at brink of extinction and cannot wait longer for regulations to control toxic chemicals. Orcas need protections now if we hope to recover their population.