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Dear Washington State Department of Ecology, I am writing to support all of the proposed restrictions and reporting requirements in the proposed Safer Products for Washington rule. It is critical to end the use of dangerous chemicals in products that are building up in people, food, wildlife, and water. There are safer solutions that can be used in place of hazardous chemicals and these rules are critically important for moving companies in the right direction. I support the proposed rule as a critical next step in preventing pollution and protecting vulnerable populations and species. In addition to these proposed rules, I'd like to see hazardous flooring finishes like Swedish Finish reviewed and banned. This finish made by Glitsa, a local WA state company, off-gasses formaldehyde a toxic chemical that injured myself and 2 children. There is a lot of work to do to remove hazardous chemicals from various products. Having this and other toxic chemicals in products banned would have prevented us from having an environmental illness while also allowing us to more safely participate in society.