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A 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. We would like to comment on the draft priority product list for the Pollution Prevention for our Future Act.

Thank you for considering the impacts of these consumer products to both the Southern Resident orcas and disproportionately impacted communities. I support the inclusion of all the consumer products on the draft list.

Besides all the consumer products on the draft list, we hope Ecology will consider a more comprehensive list of consumer products with toxic chemicals. If only the currently proposed products are considered, toxic exposures will still cause significant harm to our communities and environment.

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