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I am contacting you with deep concern about the policy proposal regarding consumer products.

This policy could decrease access to electronic and electrical products in the state of Washington. And it could lead to a decrease in performance for some electronics and home appliances.

But it's not just a matter of inconvenience. This is a matter of safety too. By removing flame retardants from electronics, you are potentially putting the products that Washington families use at greater risk of a fire. In 2021 alone, The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission recalled over 6.2 million units due to fire and shock hazards.

I urge the Department of Ecology to go consider other avenues to address their concerns. This policy is bad for our state.