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Dear Washington State Department of Ecology, I am a Washington State Nutritionist with a PhD. I know that PFAS chemicals are harmful, especially to children. Please ban PFAS in all products to protect drinking water, public health, and wildlife. Ecology's proposal to ban PFAS in apparel, cleaning products, and automotive washes is a good step forward, but more needs to be done. It is urgent that Ecology continue to assess and identify safer alternatives to PFAS in pans, sealants, firefighter protective gear, and other products and enact bans. When Ecology can't get the information it needs to assess safer options, it needs to use its authority to demand information from companies. With PFAS continuing to contaminate drinking water, breast milk, and wildlife, we can't afford to wait another year for bans to be adopted. Please move forward urgently with bans on PFAS-containing products. Thank you. Sincerely, Elizabeth Walker