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Dear Washington State Department of Ecology, We have PFAS in our ground water here on Whidbey Island due to the Navy's fire retardant use in trainings. People in some homes near their airstrip may never be able to drink their tap water again. 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, Shelly Ackerman