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As a Washingtonian I want to sincerely thank the army of people working diligently to protect our state's residents. The work you are doing is mission critical and the list of priority products in cycle 2 is extensive and relevant. Reading through the report spurred the following questions for me, which I hope you will consider in your final action plan.

1) What safe disposal system can we provide to consumers who ditch & switch to healthier products so that we minimize further contamination into our environment? When I wanted to dispose of my pfas waterproof coat, King County Hazardous Waste Facility told me they cannot take products containing hazardous ingredients, only the isolated hazardous ingredients. So I personally decided to place my Gore-Tex coat in a plastic bag and throw it into the garbage since a peer-reviewed study stated such coated garments release more PFAS the longer they are exposed to inclement weather. This will not be sustainable for long as consumers begin to catch onto products they should be ditching.

2) Why does the State of Washington need to spend extra taxpayer dollars and delay implementation of product restrictions when other states have already determined that safer, feasible alternatives are already available? For instance, CA, CO and CT have already restricted the sale of PFAS cookware. Can't we save time and money by using the research that has already been done to enact those laws? With regards to firefighting PPE, both Indiana and New Hampshire have already restricted sale of PFAS firefighting PPEs. Again, it seems that we could borrow from their deep dive research and skip the money and time spent to conduct our own State research.

3) Once restrictions are enacted, how do consumers know which products on store shelves have met compliancy? It would be great if you could include resources to maintain a consumer-accessed database of products that meet compliance so that we are not left guessing which products comply with the voluntary manufacturers' reformulations and which products have not. Transparency could place extra consumer pressure on manufacturers and retailers to comply.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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